

# Little Coombe Kennels & Cattery

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## Summer is here at last!

After a bit of a false start in April, followed by some very changeable weather (including hail and frost!), we are delighted to be enjoying some warmer, more settled weather. We have had a little time to do some gardening, so the tubs are looking at their best.

School summer holidays are fast approaching and we are booking up fast, so please ring early if you would like us to board your dog or cat.

Our younger son Andrew has just left school and will be doing some reception work for us over the summer before hopefully heading to university in October. One of our former Saturday helpers, Beth, has also rejoined the team over the university holidays to help out while we are busy. Confusingly, our current Saturday helper is also called Beth! They both help the regular staff: Lorraine, Kirsty, Erica and Angela.

## Deaths of dogs from heat stroke.

The very sad story recently about two police dogs which died in a hot vehicle is a reminder to us all of how quickly and easily this can happen on a sunny day.

Please rest assured that your dogs will stay cool in our kennels. We have max/min thermometers to check the temperature reached when we are not there, but the building is well insulated so it has never been a problem. In emergency we have large fans which can be used to cool the dogs, and in the grooming room we have an air conditioning unit so that the heat from the driers does not cause problems.

## Shampoo & Pedicure?

*If your dog would like to enjoy the full pampering experience, we can bath him/her on the day of collection.*

*Prices are from £7+VAT to £10+VAT, depending on size and hair length.*

*Your dog or cat can also have a nail clip for £6+VAT*

Have you ever been unsure about whether your pet needs to see a vet, or how urgently?

This website can help you:

[www.vethelpdirect.com](http://www.vethelpdirect.com)

The website, run by vets, includes an interactive symptom checker which enables you to find out how urgent a problem is by answering a series of questions. It is completely free to use. I occasionally write veterinary articles for this website, which was set up by a good friend of mine when we worked together in Exmouth.

If your pet has an interesting medical problem which might make a good article, please get in touch.