

Helping wildlife

DURING A HEATWAVE

We know all about how to look after our awesome pets when the weather's really hot - but what can we do to help our local wildlife? Dehydration and heat exhaustion is a serious threat to them at this time of year, but we can all do our bit to help! So, let's look at the different ways we can help them, and see if you can write down some ideas of your own too. Let's go, wildlife warriors!



Hedgehogs

Our little spiky hedgehog friends will LOVE a wide, shallow bowl of water and some meaty hedgehog or pet food - natural sources of food & water can be hard to come by at this time of year! We don't want our lovely hogs to get hungry or dehydrated.

Do you have a fish pond in your garden?

If so, it's important to make sure the water stays clean and doesn't grow a lot of weeds! If you can find a way to provide a bit of shade over part of the pond, that can help the creatures that call it home, too!





Garden Birds

Feeding garden birds all year round can be a lifesaver - we already know that. At this time of year, providing a water bath can be too! Maybe you could make your own? (Check out the craft section on our website - we'll tell you how to do it!)

Bird baths are perfect for our feathered friends as they allow them to splash around, cool down, and have a much-needed drink when there's not much water around.

Bugs, bees and butterflies

Can you provide a wildflower area and some nectar-rich plants? This will be enjoyed by many animals and insects, bees and butterflies included!

Have you seen our bee-friendly flowers and our bee hotel at our Yeovil practice? Look out for them next time you visit with your pawsome pets!



Bees

Our buzzy bee friends can often suffer from heat exhaustion in the hot weather. If you see a bee lying on the ground, offer it a sugar and water solution on a teaspoon to give it a much-needed energy boost.