

NEWS *flash*



Along with the launch of Thomson Airways, the summer's brought with it a raft of new additions. Imagine takes a look at what's new in the worlds of **Thomson** and **First Choice**...



* Pampered Pooches

Poor old Fido gets a 'ruff' deal when holidays roll round – stuck in a kennel with a bunch of mutts while you lie on the beach. Well, guilt-free getaways are here. Animals At Home is a pet-sitting service that looks after the family members that have to stay at home. They'll even tidy away your mail and close your curtains when they pop round. For more information visit www.tuiuk.animalsathome.co.uk



* Yoga For Young'uns

It's not just Sting that's perfecting his lotus position – toddlers are going gaga for yoga, too. The award-winning Tatty Bumpkin team has put together a great programme for kids aged 18 months to 5. As well as child-friendly yoga, storytelling and puppets are giving kids' clubs a whole new twist. Check them out at First Choice's Holiday Villages.

* Check This Out...Or In

Thomson Airways' day-before check-in service is a great way to queue jump without the dirty looks. Check in your luggage and pick up your boarding card the day before you fly, then breeze straight through to departures the next day. It's free at Gatwick and Manchester and you don't need to book ahead. At Birmingham there's a small charge and you'll need to pre-book.

* A Lighter Load For Small Flyers

Babies come with more luggage than Mariah Carey. Problem is, their nappies and bottles usually swallow up most of your baggage allowance. But not anymore. Thomson Airways

is giving under-tuos a 10-kilo allowance all of their own. That's on top of a pushchair or a car seat.

* Red Carpet Premiere

Thomson's gone all glam with its Chic & Unique range, which sashays into the travel world this summer. Only good-looking properties made it into the club so expect lots of funky interiors.

* Giving Families A Break

Over 2.5 million children come from families that can't afford a day at the seaside, let alone a simple holiday. That's why Thomson and First Choice work with the Family Holiday Association to help disadvantaged families enjoy some time in the sun. Log on to www.fhaonline.org.uk for details.

TOP Expect funky interiors from the Chic & Unique range
BOTTOM Yoga for kids from Tatty Bumpkin

