



Winter Wonders.

Winter brings not only crispy mornings and unpredictable weather, but it also brings some Winter worries for our pets.

There are certain activities associated with winter months which can potentially prove problematic for pets.

- Antifreeze – people often top up their vehicles antifreeze in winter and it unfortunately has a particularly sweet taste, making it irresistible to dogs and cats, but if ingested it is often deadly. So take care not to spill antifreeze if topping up your car and if you do clean it up straight away.
- Salt/Grit – with icy weather comes the use of road salt and grit to stop people slipping over, this can however be irritant to dogs paws so ensure you rinse them off on the return from street walking.
- Dark nights – with darker nights encroaching into working hours dog walks often happen in the dark, make sure you and pets are visible to motorists and other pedestrians, you can get reflective dog jackets and collars, or flashing dog tags for their collars to make it easier to visualize them.
- Toxicity – with winter comes Christmas baking and goodies being in the house, but remember lots of the treats we have aren't good for our pets – chocolate, garlic, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts to name but a few are all toxic if eaten, but also eating compost, dough or yeast can cause serious issues such as seizures.

What's coming.....

We are currently planning events, promotions etc for next year, we will be running a pet first aid course in the first quarter of next year, these are always really popular courses and include a theory and practical demonstration.

As a feline friendly accredited clinic we are always looking for ways to improve our feline patients care and treatment, cats are very sensitive creatures and are especially susceptible to smells and noise, for this reason we are introducing some cat only consulting times at both of our clinics. This will be a block of time where no dog appointments will be booked (excluding emergency situations) so our feline friends will feel more relaxed. For more information about the days and times for cat only appointments just speak with a member of the reception or nursing team.

Christmas is fast approaching and we will be holding our annual Mince Pie and Carols Evening again this year, where we will be raising money for Hectors House Cat Charity, this is always a fun event with lots of mulled wine, mince pies, carol singing and the chance for good old natter!!

Tuesday 16th December – 6.30pm

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