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Lanes Vets Newsletter

Here you'll find great advice, offers for you and your pet, news, hints & tips, seasonal advice and much, much more!

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A Big Welcome to Irene!



We would like to formally introduce you all to our new vet, Irene.

She joined the Lanes family in September, so she might already be a familiar face to a few, especially if you're a Garstang client.

Irene has three dogs Finn, Flash and Ela. In her spare time, she enjoys working her collie Flash and playing the piano.

If you see Irene in the practice, be sure to give her a warm welcome. 🥰

Have You Met Jasper?



Jasper is a routine patient for our physiotherapist to help manage his lifelong symptoms from a spinal trauma. He's such a dude!

If you'd like to know more about our physiotherapy services, have a look at our [website](#)!

📰 **BREAKING NEWS** 📰

Parrots Outstrip Cats & Dogs As Naughtiest Pets



Would you agree? Who would you say is the naughtiest? 🤔

If you'd like to participate in these conversations, don't forget to follow us on social media:

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Christmas Dangers

The festive season is upon us, but Christmas is the time of the year when pet owners may need to practice more caution and awareness of where potential hazards may be.

Keep your pet safe this Christmas by keeping the following festive treats and new and unusual items, that may attract their attention, well out of reach.



Food and drink

Chocolate The severity of poisoning depends on the type of chocolate ingested and your pet's size. Dark chocolate is the most serious and signs of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhoea, hyperactivity and tremors.

Christmas Cake, Christmas pudding and Mince pies Jammed packed with raisins, currents, sultanas and alcohol which can be poisonous. If ingested, they can cause severe gastrointestinal problems for your pet and in some cases kidney failure.

Nuts Can cause weakness, tremors, vomiting and overheating within 12 hours of eating.

Onions Can cause stomach irritation and lead to blood cell damage and anaemia.

Mouldy Foods In particular, dairy, bread and nuts contain lots of toxins that may make your pet ill.

Alcohol Is significantly more toxic to dogs than humans. Can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and tremors.

Cooked Bones Once cooked all bones become brittle and splinter easily, which if ingested can cause obstruction or pierce your pet's intestines – ensure all cooked carcasses are disposed of in an outside bin.



Decorations

Christmas tree Pine needles can cause mild stomach upset, cuts to the mouth and, in severe cases can cause internal damage if swallowed. Cats and kittens may also try to climb the tree. Try to secure the base of the tree to reduce the chance of it falling over.

Tinsel Dogs and cats eat tinsel like we eat spaghetti and can cause blockages.

Glass baubles These smash into shards when eaten, causing irritation and blockages. Opt for shatter proof alternatives.

Fairy lights These can cause an electric shock if chewed.

Candles Not only are they fire and burns risk, if ingested they can cause choking.

Batteries Ensure all batteries are stored away from pets. If chewed or swallowed they can cause serious internal damage such as burns to your pet's mouth, oesophagus or stomach.



Plants

Holly The berries can cause gastrointestinal upset.

Poinsettia, Mistletoe and Ivy All are mildly toxic and can cause vomiting, drooling. Diarrhoea and other symptoms.

Potpourri Can cause serious gastrointestinal upset and can take a few days to pass.

Lilies Can cause convulsions and are potentially fatal when eaten in large quantities.



This list is not exhaustive and if you wish to gain further information about the potential dangers during the Festive period, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you think your pet may have ingested a potentially dangerous food, plant or decorations or have any other concerns, then please call us for advice immediately (📞 01995 603 349) or the Veterinary Information Poisons Service (📞 0207 305 5055).