

NEWS



NATIONAL FLEA MONTH 1ST MAY-31ST MAY

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Flea facts:

- Only 5% of the flea's life cycle is spent on the animal.
- The remaining 95% is spent in the environment (carpets, duvets, sofas, rugs, dark cracks in floor boards etc.)
- 1 flea lays 50 eggs, which will all hatch to lay 50 eggs each.
- Fleas can lay up to 1,500 eggs in a lifetime
- Flea pupae can live for up to 1 year in homes
- A flea's life cycle can be as short as 14 days or up to 12 months.
- Just one flea can become 1,000 on your pet and in your home in only 21 days.
- Fleas can transmit diseases to humans. Fleas jumping from rats to humans transmitted the cause of the Black Plague in 1664, killing 70,000 people in London.



(Microscope view of flea)

SPRING POISONS

Adder bites

- Recognised by black/brown dorsal zig-zag pattern and a V-shaped marking on the head.
- Usually 50-60cm long.
- Will generally only bite when provoked.
- Can cause many symptoms including painful swellings, breathing difficulty, collapse, vomiting, diarrhoea, and tremors.



Antihistamine

- This is the time of year that many of you will be stocking up on antihistamines; if your pet gets them (or any other kind of tablet/object) and eats them please contact us as soon as possible. We have a drug that can cause the pet to regurgitate anything swallowed within the last 20 minutes.
- If swallowed and not regurgitated the symptoms that might present are: vomiting, lethargy, inco-ordination and hyperactive behaviour.



Daffodils

- In most poison cases reported to the VPIS (Veterinary Poison Information Service) the bulb has been eaten by the animal, but in some cases poisoning has occurred after ingestion of the flowers and if the water that cut flowers have been sitting in is drunk.
- Effects seen-vomiting, diarrhoea, hypothermia and convulsions.



- Other low toxicity spring flowers include tulips and spring crocus.

Salt

- Some people might give a salt-water solution as an emetic before seeking advice from a vet. This can be extremely dangerous.
- Even in low quantities salt can be fatal.
- Substances high in salt include: sterilising fluids, water softeners, dishwasher tablets, stock cubes and gravy powders.

If your pet has eaten anything that they shouldn't have, please contact us as soon as possible with details so we can advise you what is best to do. If tablets have been ingested we need to know the name of them, what they contain, the size of tablet and how many you think your pet has had. We have the facility to call the VPIS who can tell us straight away what effects might be seen from the certain drug and what we can and cannot treat your pet with in case of drug interaction. They can also tell us if the amount of the drug taken can be harmful in a pet of a certain size.

A few things that a lot of people don't know not to feed their dogs:

1. Grapes, Raisins.
2. Onions.
3. Chocolate

All dogs are different - some can have a whole bunch of grapes and have no effects but there are others who can eat just two grapes or 1 square of chocolate and will be fatally ill. So the best advice is not to feed them to your pet and if they get hold of them contact us immediately.



The most common poisoning seen in cats is Lilies.

For more information on any poisoning in pets please contact us.

Just a little reminder...

- Louise is still collecting money for the sponsored fire walk she is doing at the end of May. All donations will be going to the Guide Dogs. Thank you to everyone who has already sponsored her. Its not far away now-she is starting to get a bit worried!!
- It is Rabbit Awareness Week (RAW) we have some great offers on and goodie bags too! Our offers are extended over 2 weeks to give you some time to arrange an appointment around other commitments.
- Our picture competition is still open for entries. Please send us your pictures!

NEW ARRIVALS



Bella, Pomeranian X.



Charlie,
Labrador.



Holly,
Labrador.



Marley, Rottweiler.



Lucy,
Collie.

PET OF THE MONTH

Ronan is a black lab that is nearly 10 years old. He is prone to growing lumps; this comes often with old age in dogs. We usually recommend removing lumps when they appear or start growing as from looking and examining them we cannot be sure if they are fatty lumps or something more serious. They can also grow quickly which will eventually effect the dogs movement. This month Ronan had his 6th operation (total over the last few years!) to remove lumps. This one was his record we removed 9 lumps! As you can imagine this takes some time, he was under anaesthetic for 3 hours. He was quite tired and wobbly that day when he went home but he is doing so well. He has been in for a few post op checks now as there is a little swelling over one of wounds that we are keeping an eye on. Most dogs wouldn't be too impressed at coming back so often but Ronan comes in no bother wagging his tail, happy to see everyone and to get all the attention he can! On his last visit we drained some of the fluid from a wound and he stood still, eyes on the gravy bones the whole time. He has been such a star!
(His picture will be up in reception and on our website shortly.)

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