

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Pet Health
Club



OPENING TIMES 2023

We will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday 25th and Boxing Day, Tuesday 26th December.

We will also be closed on New Years Day, Monday 1st January.

Vetcall in Brighton will be open 24 hours should you need any assistance on **01273 621682**

Winter Tips



Fleas are still very much a problem during the winter. Flea eggs live in the carpet for months and will happily hatch when you turn up the central heating.

When preparing your car for winter, keep **antifreeze** well away from pets as it is palatable and deadly, also prevent access to any weed killers or other chemicals that may be harmful.

Bear in mind that the cooler weather may unmask arthritic disease and joint stiffness, so keep an eye on your pet's mobility and comfort. It's a good idea to keep a close eye on your **pet's weight**, since it's all too easy for pets to gain a few extra pounds over the winter periods.

Spare a thought for **pets that live outside** such as guinea pigs, rabbits and hens. Make sure their hutch is in a sheltered position and they have plenty of clean warm bedding. Keep an eye on the water containers, making sure they don't become frozen.

Inside the home, dogs and cats are prone to eating all manner of **Christmas decorations** – ribbon and tinsel being amongst the favourites for kittens and puppies. If swallowed they may cause an intestinal blockage. Similarly make sure that turkey carcasses are safely disposed of.

When cats are not going out as much they also like to amuse themselves by chewing house plants. Beware of **lilies** which are very toxic to cats. All parts of the lily plant including the pollen are toxic, they can cause kidney failure.

Don't forget chocolate, especially the plain varieties, they can be very toxic to dogs.

Avoid feeding **grapes, raisins and sultanas** to dogs. Undoubtedly there will be **fireworks** over the festive period. This can be a stressful time for many pets and owners. It is advisable to consider therapies before the fireworks start. Natural pheromone anti-anxiety products like Feliway and Adaptil and Nutracalm are very beneficial. In severe cases of pet anxiety we can prescribe medication. Most importantly stay calm and relaxed. Relaxed pets are happy pets!



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.