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Winter 2020 - Seasonal Update

Here we are again with Christmas around the corner! Like most, I think we are looking forward with hope after a challenging year. From all of us here, we'd like to wish you a peaceful and enjoyable festive season, with our best wishes for a happy, healthy and face-mask free 2021.

STAFF NEWS

Both Alex and Jay have fitted in brilliantly since they started with us back in the summer, as has Nicola who joined the team in the autumn. The covid precautions we have to take may mean you have not seen or met them yet but it is safe to say that they have all been welcome additions to our small animal team.

However, we will be very sad to say goodbye to Kate this Christmas after her 9 years at The George. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.



Alex



Nicola



Jay



Kate

OPENING TIMES OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

This year the holiday period falls over a weekend meaning that the practice will be closed from

4pm Christmas Eve (Thursday) until 8.30am on Tuesday 29th December.

For New Year, the surgery will close at 4pm on Thursday 31st December and reopen for routine consultations on Saturday 2nd January.

As always, a 24-hour emergency service provided by our staff, on our premises, will be in operation should you need us.

COVID SECURITY

Like most of you, we have become accustomed to spending our entire working day behind a face mask! We thank you all for your continued understanding and we really cannot wait for the day when we can welcome you all back into the consulting rooms.

We ask you to arrive promptly and punctually for your appointments – we have limited capacity (especially at Nailsworth, Royal Wootton Bassett and Tetbury) to squeeze people in if arriving late when we have needed to adhere to strict rules on the number of people allowed in the buildings at any one time. We would hate for you all to be stood outside in the cold for longer than is strictly necessary and we appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding around this.

Thank you!

PETS ON REGULAR MEDICATIONS

May we take this opportunity to make a polite request of all our clients who have pets on regular medication to make sure that you have enough to get them through the holiday period whilst the practice is closed. If you order by Friday 18th December, we will ensure we have your medications in stock before our suppliers close for the Christmas period.

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KEEP OUT OF REACH

CHRISTMAS HAZARDS AROUND THE HOUSE

Chocolate poisoning – please only give your dog doggy chocolate!

Theobromine in human chocolates is toxic to dogs, cats, rodents and rabbits. The amount of theobromine contained varies considerably depending on the amount of cocoa solids with dark chocolate being more dangerous – as little as 1g of dark chocolate per kg bodyweight can be toxic in dogs. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea and hyperactivity and in severe cases convulsions.

Grapes, raisins, currants and sultanas can cause kidney damage in dogs. The actual toxic dose is unknown but some animals appear particularly susceptible developing kidney problems after as little as a few grapes or a handful of raisins. Foods to watch out for include **Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, Stollen and mince pies!**

Ivy – can cause muscle twitching, paralysis, convulsions and death if eaten by rabbits.

Mistletoe – ingestion can cause retching, vomiting and salivation.

Poinsettia – toxic to cats, causing vomiting.

Lilies – very toxic to cats, causing kidney failure.

This list is not exhaustive but click below to find our document on why it 'tis the season to be jolly careful - keep your pets safe by keeping seasonal temptations out of reach, and away from hungry eyes.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR FULL DOCUMENT](#)