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Spring pet advice

Thankfully it's starting to warm up and we're enjoying more daylight. That means your pets can start enjoying the outdoors more too. Here are some useful spring watch outs for your small, furry friends:

Parasites

Fleas, ticks, and worms all start to grow in number around Easter as the weather warms up. This increases the chances of your pet coming into contact with them. Our vets and nurses can discuss the parasite challenges that your pet may come up against and suggest the best protection routine for them. Tablets, spot-ons and collars are all available to help make protecting your pet as easy as possible.

Seasonal allergies in pets

Dogs, and in rarer instances cats, can develop seasonal allergies to pollens. These often manifest as part of a clinical problem called atopic dermatitis but can occur in isolation. Pets with a seasonal allergy often itch and scratch, and can damage the skin, leading to sores and infections. If you are worried your pet is having an allergic reaction to something in their home or around them, please contact us.

It's competition time!

We are all about engaging with our clients of all ages. We are currently holding an easter egg colouring competition, with a chance to win an easter egg prize for 1st place and runner up. This is the 2nd year we have held this after being very popular last year.

Please visit either our main reception or our Health care centre reception for your colouring egg which you can take home and bring back, or if you have time complete whilst waiting at our practice.



Happy colouring and good luck!

Closing date is Thursday 28th March. Winners will be chosen by Caroline and Peter on Good Friday 29th March 2024!

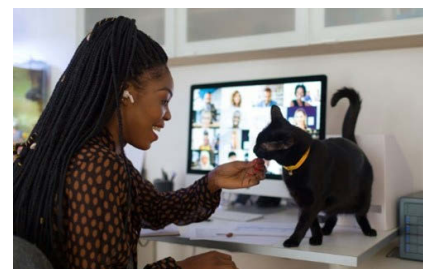
Microchipping

From June 2024, it will be **compulsory for all cats to be microchipped in the UK**. It is already a legal requirement to microchip your dog.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, it is not uncommon for cats or dogs to get lost. Should this happen, a microchip will give them the best chance of being reunited with you.

A microchip is a small device about the size of a grain of rice. The microchip is inserted under your pet's skin, between their shoulder blades, via a quick injection. Once inserted, your pet cannot feel the microchip and the special capsule around it means that it does not break down and is designed to last your pet's lifetime.

Contact us to book a microchipping appointment.



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Easter watch outs!

Chocolate Posining

Easter can bring an abundance of chocolate with it, which can be great for us but not for our pets. Look out for signs of chocolate poisoning!

What are the signs to look out for?

- Sickness
- Diarrhoea
- Restlessness
- Frequent urination

If a lot of chocolate has been eaten, these can progress to:

- Irregular heart rhythm
- Seizures
- Internal bleeding
- Death

If you do think that your pet has eaten chocolate, it is very important to call us. Signs can be slow to appear, so contacting our veterinary team to discuss a course of action is critical.

We can assess the risk from the chocolate your pet has or may have, consumed, and advise if you need to bring your pet in or monitor at home.

Pet Poisons

Other common pet poisons include nuts and raisins which can be found in seasonal food such as hot cross buns, spring cleaning products and even some flowers.

True lilies, which include Easter, Rubrum, Asiatic, Day, Stargazer, Japanese and Tiger lilies are poisonous to cats, and this includes their petals, leaves, pollen and even water from the vase.

Lilies can drop a lot of pollen, and cats can walk through this or brush against the flowers, getting pollen on their coat. One of the most common ways for cats to ingest lilies is as they clean pollen from their fur.

If you think your cat may have eaten lily then bring both your cat, and the plant itself if possible, to the vet immediately. The sooner your cat starts supportive care, the better the outlook will be. There is no antidote to lily poisoning.



Did you know?

We are pleased to be able to offer non-invasive diagnostic imaging here in practice through our state-of-the-art CT Scanner.

Computed tomography (CT) scans provide us with detailed images of bones, organs and blood vessels.



Don't forget...

we're open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Even over the bank holidays.

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