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Stanhope Vets

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter from Stanhope Veterinary Centre.

We have some exciting news this season.

Our Head Nurse Kyra, is off on her maternity leave, with her first baby, at the end of December.

We welcome back one of our nurses, Donna, she left us last year to have her baby daughter Emily and is now back after her maternity leave.

We are also recruiting a new Animal Care assistant.

Hopefully we will have a new face for you to come and meet very soon.



WINTER HAZARDS

Anti-freeze is very tasty to cats and dogs, but it is also very toxic.

The dangerous toxin *Ethylene Glycolis* is found in Antifreeze.

Because of the sweet taste, it is easily licked and ingested.

Antifreeze poisoning can affect the brain, liver and kidneys.

It is often fatal

Common Signs of Antifreeze Poisoning

Vomiting Excessive Drinking Incoordination

Increased Urination Seizures (fits)

Panting/ Heavy Breathing

If in any doubt call your vets to get your pet assessed
As soon as possible

Current Offers

Kitten Package

£59.99

Inc.

Course of Vaccinations

I.D Chip

Worming Tablet

1st Flea treatment

£5 off neutering

5 Weeks free insurance

Full clinical examination

Puppy Package

£49.99

Inc.

Course of Vaccinations

Worming tablet

1st Flea treatment

£10 off neutering

5 Weeks free insurance

Full clinical examination



Re-start Vaccinations

£59.99

I.D Chip

£14.99



Keeping outside animals safe this winter

It is important to take extra care with rabbits/guinea pigs that live outside. We need to make sure they are warm and dry, with plenty of extra hay and bedding available also water.

Their home should be draught proof, water proof, dry and well ventilated. To keep them safe outside, the hutch can insulated with a blanket or old carpet. Mesh doors can be partially covered with clear Perspex, to keep the wind and rain at bay.

Always allow for an adequate amount of ventilation.

Moving bunnies or guinea pigs into a shed, garage or outhouse is another good way to keep them warm and protect them from harsh temperatures

KEEPING CLEAN

It's important to keep the cages clean in the winter months, as they do tend to spend longer in their cages

Wet bedding can freeze, it is ideal to change the bedding daily.

BEDDING

It is Important that rabbits and guinea pigs have a safe and cozy space to relax in, allowing as many to sleep together or as separate as they wish.

EXERCISE

All guinea pigs and rabbits still need daily exercise during the winter months.

They need a place to run around separately from their hutch.

It needs to be waterproof, with plenty of places for the bunnies or Guinea Pig's to hide from the rain and cold



Charity corner



If you have any unwanted clothes, we collect for the BLUE CROSS, please collect a plastic bag from reception.

Medway Hedgehog Rescue



&

Mike Hearn Wildlife rescue



We help the local hedgehog rescue and Mike the local wildlife rescue.

We have books in reception
50p each

Helping cover costs for their ongoing care and treatment

The Management and all the staff would like to wish all our clients a very Merry Christmas & A Happy and Prosperous 2017

WINTER DANGERS TO CONSIDER

Frostbite in dogs

What to look out for is skin colour looking pale, turning blueish/white, this is due to the lack of blood flow.

Ice can also form round those areas. When warmed and the blood flow is restored, the skin begins to go red, swell and peel.

How to help

Warm a towel on a radiator
Apply the towel to the affected areas

(do not squeeze or rub hard as you can do more damage)

Use tepid water to warm the area up

As the area's thaw they will be reddened, if they become dark seek help immediately.

If in any doubt call the Veterinary surgery immediately.

Prevention

Do not leave your dog outside for long periods of time.

Make sure your dog is protected by a warm coat and possibly boots, there are many accessories available to help through the winter months

After a walk check your dog over
Pay attention in particular to your pets feet.



Don't forget your pet this Christmas



All the products are available in our surgery



Christmas & New Year

Opening Times

Friday 23/12 8am-7pm

Christmas Eve (sat) 8am-12pm

Christmas Day (Sun) CLOSED

Boxing day (Mon) CLOSED

Bank holiday (Tues) CLOSED

Wednesday 28/12 8am-7pm

Thursday 29/12 8am-7pm

Friday 30/12 8am-7pm

New Year's Eve (Sat) 8am-12pm

New Year's Day (Sun) CLOSED

Bank Holiday (Mon) 2/1/17 CLOSED

Tuesday 3/1/17 8am-7pm