

Times of celebration and special events bring their own dangers for your pet.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks on New Years Eve and other celebrations are becoming increasingly common and can be a frightening and stressful time for your pet. See our Autumn/Winter advice sheet for some guidance on helping your pet cope with these events.



Foreign and noxious materials

Every year we need to treat pets that have swallowed:

- Turkey bones – put a heavy top on your kitchen bin to prevent your pet getting at leftover bones.
- Christmas decorations – try to discourage your cat or dog from venturing anywhere near to the tree.



- Batteries - all types are dangerous if swallowed. Always ensure that batteries for children's toys, etc. are secure.

- Chocolate – even in only small quantities, can be toxic. Dark chocolate, and to a slightly lesser extent, milk chocolate can make your pet very unwell. Symptoms include vomiting, restlessness, twitchiness and walking difficulties. Some cases are fatal. Raisins and nuts, if eaten in large quantities, can also cause poisoning.

- Alcohol and cigarette butts - during and after parties be aware that alcohol and cigarette butts may harm your pet. If there are fireworks, it is not just the flashes and bangs that you should keep your pet away from. All fireworks are poisonous if chewed.



Planning for your holidays

It's at the turn of the year that many families start planning for their summer vacation. As your pet is part the family, your planning should also involve arrangements for him/her during your holiday.

It's time to investigate pet sitting, catteries, kennels, and if your pet is lucky enough to accompany you on your trip, a pet passport.

We have plenty of information and advice on what is available. Contact us on 01256 764771 for details. See also the Travel page on our main site.

