

Dear Client,

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

How Brexit may affect travelling with your pet from April 2019

As we all know it is unclear as to what type of deal will be made by 29th March 2019. What deal, if any is likely to affect the current legislations. It is very possible that blood sampling from 30 days of rabies vaccination and a three month wait may very well be introduced for new pets to the travel scheme and existing pets with valid passports. With this in mind we have produced an information sheet that contains further information about these possible changes. Please contact us if you would like further information on this matter.

As it is impossible to predict what will happen in April 2019 we are advising owners to hold off plans for travelling with their pets until clearer information has been provided. Or if travelling is essential, prepare for a worst case scenario,

which is to ensure your pet has a blood test for a rabies antibody titre at least 30 days after the date of rabies vaccination. Please bear in mind a three month travel wait may also be put in place from sampling date.

GREAT NEWS: OUR DISCOUNT PLANS NOW INCLUDE VACCINATION COURSES

From November this year we have added vaccination course to our Premier Pet Care Plans at no additional cost. Our Premier Pet Care Plans allow you to spread the cost of your pet's preventative health care needs (parasite control, vaccinations and more) throughout the year with easy monthly direct debit payments, at a date that suits you.

CHRISTMAS OFFER

20% OFF PET TAGS

ENGRAVED WHILST YOU WAIT

Available throughout December only
Tags are always included in our puppy package

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SURGERY OPENING TIMES

	Bovey Tracey	Moretonhampstead
Monday 24th December	8am – 5pm	8:30am – 5pm
Tuesday 25th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 26th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 27th December	8:30am – 7pm	8:30am – 6:30pm
Friday 28th December	8am – 7pm	8:30am – 5pm
Saturday 29th December	8:30am – 1pm	10am – 12pm
Sunday 30th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 31st December	8am – 5pm	8:30am – 5pm
Tuesday 1st January	CLOSED	CLOSED

AS ALWAYS THERE IS A 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE ON: 01647 440441

It will always be a Moorgate vet that attends to your call

Please remember that it is Christmas and New Year for the Vets as well, so please make use of the surgery opening times whenever possible.

CHRISTMAS DANGERS

Christmas is a time to indulge and have fun. We all want our pets to be part of the celebration but once again can we remind our clients that this time of year presents many potential toxic hazards to pets, so please take care over the festive season.

Chocolate can be very toxic to dogs, in general the higher the cocoa content the more toxic the chocolate. Additionally, there are now several reports confirming that dogs eating even a small amount of **grapes, raisins or sultanas** (including Christmas cake, Christmas pudding & mince pies) can develop renal failure. Many pets also love chewing house plants, however many of these are toxic to pets. Remember to make sure you keep **mistletoe, holly and poinsettias** away from pets as both their leaves and berries, if eaten, are extremely toxic. Remember **Lillie's** are also toxic, especially to cats.



Please take care with your pets whilst Christmas presents are being wrapped and trees are being decorated. Cats and dogs like playing with **tinsel and ribbon**. It is not un common for cats to eat long pieces of ribbon!

Don't be tempted to feed your pet **bones**. Turkey and chicken bones especially splinter when chewed. Bones may splinter and cause damage on their way to the stomach. They may cause a blockage, vomiting and a sore abdomen. This can result in an operation to have them removed. **Strine from meat joints** can also cause an obstruction if eaten.



Feeding food to pets that they are not usually given can result in tummy upsets. Vomiting and diarrhoea may occur. Several foods taken from your plate maybe toxic. **Onions** contain a substance that destroys red blood cells and can cause anaemia. **Garlic** contains a similar substance in a lesser amount. We are stocking several Christmas treats for your dogs and cats which are perfectly healthy (in small quantities of course) and allows you to give your furry loved one goodies over the festive period.

Some might hope for a white Christmas, but as the weather gets colder remember Ethylene Glycol, used as **antifreeze** in car radiators, is a potential hazard for many pets at this time of year. It is sweet tasting and very palatable to both cats and dogs, but also very toxic. If ingested, even small amounts can cause serious kidney failure and usually death. We have sadly

seen many suspected and confirmed cases of Ethylene glycol poisoning. Although it is near impossible to stop free-roaming dogs & cats coming into contact with antifreeze, please take care at home to keep both new and used antifreeze in a sealed container out of reach of pets. Clean up any spills of antifreeze on driveways and other hard surfaces. It is worth knowing that Halfords sell Bittrex which is an Ethylene Glycol free antifreeze.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW FACES

In our last newsletter we mentioned we had three new members of the nursing team at our Bovey Tracey branch between July and November. **Beth Richardson ANA** joined our nursing team following the completion of her Animal Nursing Assistant course at Bicton College. She previously volunteered for The Blue Cross animal rehoming centre. Beth is an active member of the Bovey Tracey Carnival Committee. **India Perkins VCA** is currently attending South Devon College one day a week, working towards her Veterinary Nurse Assistant qualification. India has hands on experience working at a veterinary practice previously and outside of work enjoys horse riding and socialising with friends.

Alison Mudge VCA has plenty of customer service experience and joins us from Cave Veterinary Specialists, Wellington. Outside of work Alison has plenty of pets to keep her busy and has in the past cared for her own flock of sheep and reared tame lambs.



Alison



Beth



India

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