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*Arrowfield Veterinary Practice wish their clients a*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year .*

*Thank you for choosing us as your vets in 2017. All the staff at Arrowfield are looking forward to caring for your pets in 2018.*

Welcome to the winter 2017 edition of our newsletter, bringing you seasonal and topical information and updates, and essential tips for pet owners including:

- 🐾 AVP Update
- 🐾 Christmas opening times
- 🐾 Be Safe Be Seen
- 🐾 Christmas Hazards!
- 🐾 Repeat prescription / Food



### Christmas Opening Times:

Saturday 23rd Dec	Open as usual: 9.00—1.00
Christmas Eve (Sun)	Closed
Christmas Day (Mon)	Closed
Boxing Day (Tues)	Closed
Wednesday 27th Dec	Open as usual
Thursday 28th Dec	Open as usual
Friday 29th Dec	Open as usual
Saturday 30th Dec	Open as usual: 9.00—1.00
New Years Eve (Sun)	Closed
New Years Day	Closed
Tuesday 2nd Jan	Back to normal

***All consultations are by Appointment***

***and our out of hours service is run by our own***

***Veterinary Surgeons.***

### Arrowfield Updates....

**AVP Charities 2017-** Arrowfield are currently running a Christmas Hamper raffle, which will be drawn on the 15th December—if you haven't bought your tickets yet please call into the practice . Tickets are £ 1 each and you could win this lovely hamper just in time for Christmas. The money raised will be split jointly between Cancer Research & Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.



### ARROWFIELD PET HEALTH PLANS

**COMING SOON**



We are very excited to be able to tell you that we will be launching our new pet preventative health plan early in 2018 .

Through a simple monthly direct debit you can spread the cost of essential treatments across the year. Plans will be available for both dogs and cats and will cover preventative treatment such as vaccination, flea & tick control, worming, six monthly health checks and saving on pet food purchased from the practice.

Arrowfield Veterinary Practice is proud to be an Accredited Practice through the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeon's Practice Standards Scheme. Through setting standards and carrying out regular inspections, the Scheme aims to promote and maintain the highest standards of veterinary care.





### Be Safe Be Seen .....

Winter's here ..... Probably the most important thing that you can do to protect yourself and your dog when you are out after sunset is to ensure that others can see you, including motor vehicles, cyclists and joggers. Potential safety options are reflective dog collars, tags, tabards and other clothing.

We are stocking :

- ◆ Reflective dog coats
- ◆ Be Seen 360 dog tag lights
- ◆ Be Seen Reflective collar tags
- ◆ We can order reflective collars, leads and harnesses on request



The best way to avoid problems when walking at night is to stick to well-worn paths that you know and which have plenty of light. Be sure to wear light or bright clothing. Avoid walking along the road, but if you have no other option, be sure to walk against the traffic. This way, you can see oncoming traffic, and hopefully stay safe.

## Christmas Hazards !!

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) are issuing the following five simple tips to keep your four-legged friends safe over the festive period :

1. Protect your pet from poisons – a number of festive treats and traditions, such as chocolate, raisins, xylitol (found in sugar free treats), nuts, grapes, liquorice, poinsettia, holly and mistletoe are toxic to cats and dogs
2. Keep decorations out of reach – ribbons, wrapping paper, baubles, tinsel and tree lights can all prove irresistible to cats and dogs but can be very dangerous if broken, chewed or swallowed. Batteries for Christmas gifts also need to be kept safe as, if ingested, they may cause severe chemical burns to the mouth, throat and stomach
3. Forget festive food for pets – we all enjoy a richer diet over Christmas, but fatty foods and Christmas dinners shouldn't be shared. They can trigger indigestion, sickness and diarrhoea or even conditions from gastroenteritis to pancreatitis, so try to stick to your pet's regular diet and routine. Turkey bones should not be given to pets as they can splinter and puncture the digestive tract.
4. Give toys not treats – we all want our pets to share the fun and many of us include a gift for our pet on the shopping list. But too many treats can lead to fat, unhappy animals so consider opting for a new toy or a long walk if you want to indulge your pet this Christmas.
5. Know where to go – even with all the care in the world, animal accidents and emergencies can still happen. Make sure you're prepared by checking your vet's emergency cover provision and holiday opening hours or, if you are away from home ensure you know how to find your nearest Vet.



### Christmas Orders of Repeat Prescriptions and Pet Food

**Don't forget to order your repeat prescriptions and food in plenty of time** In all the hustle and bustle make sure you have sufficient medication & food to take your pet over the festive period. Please ensure you order in plenty of time as our wholesaler have a restricted delivery over this period.

**Please Note**—with the Christmas period falling next to a weekend, our Veterinary wholesalers will be closed for 4 days.

