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Arrowfield Veterinary Practice wish their clients a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome to the winter 2015 edition of our newsletter, bringing you seasonal and topical information and updates, and essential tips for pet owners including:

- AVP Update
- Christmas opening
- Christmas precautions
- AP Vet talk

Christmas Shopping

We've got a great collection of Christmas toys for cats, dogs and small furries in stock at the moment. Get your pets a Christmas treat, many for under £5.



Christmas Opening Times:

Christmas Eve (Thur)	Closing at 1.00pm
Christmas Day (Fri)	Closed
Boxing Day (Sat)	Closed
Sunday 27th	Closed
Monday 28th (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Tuesday 29th	Open as usual
Wednesday 30th	Open as usual
New Years Eve (Thurs)	Open as usual
New Years Day (Fri)	Closed
Saturday 2nd Jan	Normal Sat Opening

Remember consultations are by Appointment and our out of hours service is run by our own veterinary surgeons.

Arrowfield Update

In our Autumn Newsletter we reported that we had appointed two new veterinary surgeons, who would be joining Arrowfield in October. **Lucy Corlett** and **Amy Peel** are now an established part of the Veterinary team and hugely valued.



We were very sorry to lose Pippa McAnish in November, she leaves Arrowfield after 3 years to take up a small animal position in the 'Black Country', we wish her all the best. We are very pleased to be able to inform you that we have appointed a very experienced small animal veterinary surgeon, **Emily Davies**, who will start in mid December. Emily lives locally with her young family and brings a wealth of experience.



With the continuing growth of Arrowfield we made the decision to increase the Veterinary team to 8 vets creating a new position for a newly graduated vet. **Chloe Graham** filled this position in November, having graduated from the RVC

London in July. Chloe is quickly becoming a valued member of the team.

With the growing demands of medicine legislation and to ensure our stock is kept in order we have appointed **Alice Barton SQP**. Alice moved into the area from Cornwall with her family in October and we are delighted she has filled this position.



We hope all our new staff will be very happy at Arrowfield.

KEEP YOUR PET SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Nobody wants any extra stress or hassle this Christmas, so take a quick look at our top tips to help avoid any hazards during the festive season.:



Ensure decorations are well-secured and out of reach. They are not designed as toys and can cause injury. And it's surprising what some pets choose to swallow, so digestive foreign bodies are unfortunately a frequent complaint at this time.



Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia can be poisonous to pets so ensure they are kept in a safe place and clear away any fallen berries. Not forgetting the ever-present threat to cats of Lilies – if ingested Lilies can cause kidney failure and be fatal to cats.

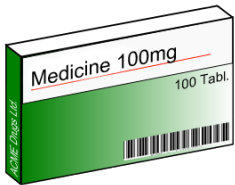


Chocolate and raisins are actually poisonous for dogs so avoid giving these as treats. Make sure chocolate is not kept under the tree for your dog to discover and that they cannot raid the Christmas cake or pudding. . The higher the cocoa value the worse it is for your pet.

Defrost your turkey somewhere safe. Raw meat poses the same infection risks to your pet as to you and ingestion of bones can be dangerous. Turkey/chicken bones can cause constipation or worse a intestinal blockage.



Stick to your pet's normal diet and avoid giving too many extras. Dogs and cats are not equipped to cope with sudden diet changes, especially with rich foods, and this can result in severe digestive upsets. Treat them with lots of extra attention and perhaps a new toy.



Repeat Prescriptions & Food —Don't forget in all the hustle and bustle to ensure you have sufficient medication & food to take your pet over the festive period. Please ensure you order in plenty of time our wholesaler have a restricted delivery over this period.

Each year, we see these problems at the practice far too commonly. Take a moment to consider how to keep your pet safe during all the festivities to help make sure that everyone in the family has the very best time this Christmas.



HOLISTIC HEALTH FOR ANIMALS

- YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A.P. Vets Ltd

present a

Talk and Tea at Arrowfield Veterinary Practice, Kingon.

Saturday 6th February 2016 3 - 5pm

The holistic approach always involves you getting the exercise and feeding right. It is as important for a puppy as for an elderly dog.

This talk explains healthy choices and points out options when it comes to dealing with problems.

Speakers: Iris Ege is a holistic vet and holds clinics at Arrowfield.

Hannah Price works as a veterinary physiotherapist, she treats dogs at Arrowfield and does home visits.

Tea and cake will be available

Donations to **Charity**

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.

