

Winter 2016



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

Welcome to the winter 2016 edition of our newsletter. We have had a busy few months at Arrowfield, our Presteigne Branch has been refurbished and due to increased demand is now open full time. At Kington we have refurbished both the waiting room and consultation rooms, as many of you will know these areas were in desperate need of renovation. We are delighted with the results.

New look consult rooms at Kington....



New look reception/waiting area at Presteigne....



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Christmas Opening Times:

Christmas Eve (Saturday)	Open until 1.00pm
Christmas Day (Sunday)	Closed
Boxing Day (Monday)	Closed
Tuesday 27th (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Wednesday 28th	Open as usual
Thursday 29th	Open as usual
Friday 30th	Open as usual
New Years Eve (Saturday)	Open until 1.00pm
New Years Day (Sunday)	Closed
Monday 2nd Jan (Bank Holiday)	Closed

Our out of hours cover is provided by our own Veterinary Surgeons. For any Emergencies over the festive season please contact us on the usual number 01544 230567.

The things your pets must avoid this Christmas

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 requiring surgical removal 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 an 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. Severe digestive upsets and conditions such as Pancreatitis are unfortunately more common at this time of year. Instead, treat them with lots of extra attention and perhaps a new toy.



If your pet does happen to eat something they shouldn't, **contact the practice immediately** DO NOT wait for signs that your pet is unwell as the best, most effective and often cheapest treatment is early treatment.

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.

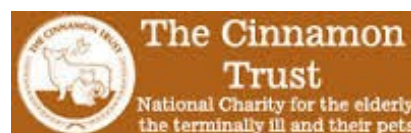


Don't forget to order your repeat prescriptions and food in plenty of time

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.

Charity Calendar—£7.00

The winning 12 images from the photography competition "All creatures Great and Small" have proved very popular and sales are going well. However, we strive to raise more funds for our chosen charities so if you haven't yet bought your 2017 calendar then these are available to buy from both the Kington and Presteigne Branches. A calendar would make a lovely Christmas present for an animal lover.



BACS payments: Please could those of you that pay with BACS ensure that there is a clear reference

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.

