



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From everyone at Cinque Ports Vets



Looking after our Furry Friends at Christmas

Christmas is usually a time for celebrating and spending time with our loved ones but it's important to remember how our furry family members might be affected during the festive period.

Changing routines

Our usual routine often changes, staying out later, leaving the house to visit friends or perhaps going on holiday. Pets don't understand our complicated lives, and rely on a simple routine. Christmas parties involve noise and usually lots of people descending on their territory. Make sure they have a quiet place or den to retreat to. Pheromone therapy can be a useful aid in helping prepare your pet for Christmas. Please ask us or see our website for more information.

Household hazards

Christmas also increases the risks to our pets around the house. Many foods we enjoy eating at Christmas are actually dangerous to our pets. Poisoning is most commonly seen from eating chocolate, Christmas pudding or cake, grapes, sultanas, raisins, garlic or onion, anything containing the sweetener xylitol and plants such as Poinsettia, Amaryllis and Lillies. If you are concerned that your pet has eaten anything they shouldn't have please contact us immediately.

Try to stick to your pet's normal diet at Christmas as leftovers can often cause tummy upsets. Do not feed cooked bones as these can easily splinter, getting lodged in their throat or cause internal damage if swallowed.

Loose wires, dangling lights and tinsel can be very tempting to the inquisitive pet looking for something to chew. Also glittering glass baubles and other breakable decorations if smashed can cause cuts or serious gastrointestinal complications if eaten.

Don't forget your small furries outside. Regularly check them and ensure their hutches or cages are warm and dry and in a sheltered position. Give them fresh food every day and check their water source hasn't become frozen.

Lastly spend some extra quality time with your pet, cuddling them on the sofa, brushing them, playing games or going for extra walks.

This will be the best Christmas present you can give them!

Christmas Opening Times

We sincerely hope you will not need to visit us over the festive period but just in case, here are our Christmas opening times. In the event of an emergency please telephone your local branch. We operate a full emergency service, 24 hours a day 365 days a year provided by our own veterinary team.

Saturday 24th December Closing at 2pm

Sunday 25th December Closed Emergency service only

Monday 26th December Closed Emergency service only

Tuesday 27th December Closed Emergency service only

Wednesday 28th December Normal service resumes

Saturday 31st December Closing at 4pm

Sunday 1st January Closed Emergency service only

Monday 2nd January Closed Emergency service only

Stuck for last minute stocking fillers?

Christmas Gift Vouchers are available from your local branch of Cinque Ports Vets





Maxwell on the Mend

Maxwell Peak came to see us back in the summer after he came home limping on his back leg. His X-Ray showed a growth plate fracture of his distal tibia on his right hind.

Maxwell was hospitalised with pain relief and a support dressing applied until surgery could be performed to repair his fracture. He had 2 pins (K Wires) inserted to stabilise his hock and another support dressing was applied which had to stay on for a week.

Maxwell was allowed home on restricted cage rest for several weeks until his hock was stable enough to return to normal exercise. During his stay with us Maxwell was always very affectionate and loved his cuddles!

We are so pleased to see Maxwell back on all four paws again.



The winter months are often a time of inactivity for us and our pets! Why not make a New Year resolution to look at your pet and check if they might be carrying a bit of extra weight.

Do they have a saggy tummy? Can you feel their ribs or do you just feel flesh? All of these are signs that your pet may be overweight. Carrying excess weight can predispose pets to arthritis, heart disease, diabetes mellitus, back problems, skin problems, liver disease and a range of other issues. Given the potential health problems associated with excess weight it is important to address it, and that is where we can help. If you feel you may have a portly pug or a tubby tabby we are happy to weigh them and advise you on their ideal weight. If weight loss is required we can help find the most suitable diet and exercise programme.

Please call us now to arrange a free appointment.

Petplan Veterinary Awards Calling all Cinque Ports Vets pet owners!

Petplan Veterinary Awards are now open for nominations and we would love you to nominate team members from Cinque Ports Vets for these prestigious awards! You can nominate a veterinary surgeon, a veterinary nurse, member of our reception team or the practice as a whole. It would be a huge thank you for the team who work so hard to provide our clients and their pets with great service! Please vote now at petplan.co.uk/vetawards if you have a moment! Voting closes on the 13th January 2017. Thank you.