



coombefield veterinary hospital Small Animal Newsletter December

The Partners and Staff would like to wish all our Clients
a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Chocolate poisoning is one of the most common emergency phone calls received by the hospital, particularly at this time of the year. The severity of poisoning depends principally on two things, obviously the amount of chocolate eaten but also the type of chocolate (i.e. milk or dark). The amount of theobromine (the toxic ingredient in chocolate) in milk and dark chocolate differs considerably. For example Dark 70% chocolate can often be lethal.

Chocolate is also toxic to other species for example cats, rodents, rabbits etc. The foremost clinical effects seen in chocolate poisoning are vomiting and diarrhoea, which may often lead to severe dehydration. Theobromine can also cause some animals to become hyperactive. Muscular rigidity, tremors and convulsions may also be observed in some extreme cases.

If you suspect your pet has eaten a large quantity of chocolate you should contact us as soon as possible on **01297 630500**.

**KEEP CHOCOLATE OUT OF REACH OF ALL YOUR PETS
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DANGERS TO BE AWARE
OF OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD**

🐾 Paws for thought 🐾

After just over 6 months of building works our new extension is now open. Please look out for news of our open day in the New Year!



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During the festive period our **opening hours** will be as follows:

	Axminster	Seaton Branch
Christmas Eve	09:00 to 13:00	09:00 to 12:00
Christmas Day	Emergencies only	closed
Boxing Day	Emergencies only	closed
Tue 27th Dec	Emergencies only	closed
Wed 28th Dec	Normal surgery hours	Normal hours
Thur 29th Dec	Normal surgery hours	Normal hours
Fri 30th Dec	Normal surgery hours	Normal hours
New Years Eve	09:00 to 13:00	09:00 to 12:00
New Year's Day	Emergencies only	closed
Mon 2nd Jan	Emergencies only	closed
Tue 3rd Jan	Normal hours	Normal hours
Wednesday 4th Jan	onwards - Back to normal surgery hours	

Axminster surgery is available 24 hours a day for pet, equine & farm emergencies – please telephone 01297 630500.

Non-urgent appointments should be booked within the above hours
(Axminster pets & equine 01297 630500, Seaton pets 01297 24896,
Farm clients 01297 630515)

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