

Christmas Dangers

Take care at this time of year to avoid inadvertent poisoning and injury to your dog or cat. The following are very common -

1. Cats love playing with **tinsel**. If they swallow it, the thread through it can cut through the bowel after the tinsel becomes stuck in the stomach.
2. **Chocolate** is poisonous to dogs. Solid dark chocolate is the main culprit and a dog can die due to poisoning from the theobromine within.
3. Cats (and dogs) like the sweet taste of **antifreeze** (ethylene glycol) and this will destroy their kidneys. Avoid access.
4. **Grapes** are toxic to dogs and even more so when they are concentrated as in raisins and sultanas when they are in Christmas cakes, mince pies and good old black-bun!
5. **Lilies** look lovely but they kill cats! Leaves and flowers are very poisonous though we see most illness from self-grooming after contact with the pollen.
6. **Macadamia nuts** are very toxic to dogs causing muscle weakness and a rise in temperature with illness later.
7. **Bones** in general can cause blockages, mainly in dogs (gannets!) and even cause damage to the bowel.
8. **Batteries**, if swallowed can cause a blockage, chemical burns and heavy-metal poisoning.
9. **Onions**, garlic, chives and leeks belong to the Allium family and they are poisonous to both dogs and cats, causing anaemia, gut upset and weakness some days later.
10. **Xylitol** is an artificial sweetener and is toxic to dogs, reducing blood sugar and damaging the liver. Commonest cases are when a dog eats a pack of sugar-free gum.



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HELP, please..

With the 'season of giving' upon us once again, have a thought for those animals who are less fortunate. Parkside invites you to donate a Christmas dinner which will go to several *local* charities for dogs, cats and hedgehogs! Please give what you can at a collection box in each Parkside surgery which we will distribute. Cat and dog food is preferred, but all *money* collected in December will be distributed too.

Parkside will match all money collected by doubling the total, to make it an even better Christmas for our friends as well as those who work endlessly and unpaid in care centres, rehoming centres and rescue kennels. Let's make it one to remember.



Dundee 5 Kings Cross Road 810777

Barnhill 58 Dalhousie Road 739634

Broughty 12 Lawrence Street 477433

Phone usual number in emergency

Did You Know?

Dog chews made of deer horn can cause tooth fractures, so do not use please.

Dundee surgery is to be extended next year to provide enhanced kennelling, more consulting and operating rooms as well as cat-only areas for our feline friends.

Parkside vets have more experience than most practices, with 257 years of experience between all 20 vets.

Dogs and cats pregnancies only last 9 weeks and by 6 weeks later, most offspring can be weaned.

Long, well-staffed consulting hours mean you have the choice of over 200 appointment slots every day between our three surgeries.

Dundee and Barnhill surgeries are both fully equipped for Operations, X-rays, ultrasound, ECG and lab work.

Our advanced laboratory equipment means we can run most tests immediately and have results for you (and your pet) without delay.

Why not leave a review of your experiences with us - click on the review button on our web site or Facebook page.

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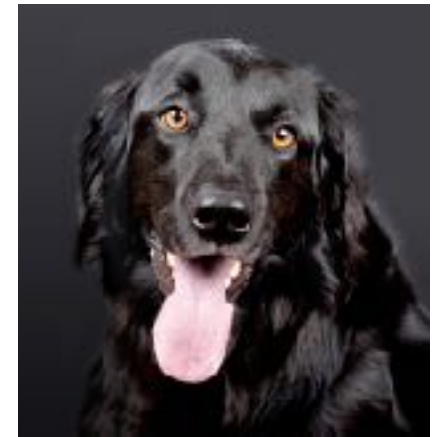
Update your email address and/or mobile number and receive reminders when worming or flea treatments are due. You can even use the form on the web site.

Nurse Clinics

Nurse clinics can provide you with free advice on weight loss, feeding and half-price procedures like nail clipping. Nurses often re-dress wounds on your pets, remove sutures and clean and medicate ears and other procedures.

Parvovirus in Dogs

We still see cases of 'Parvo' in the practice, especially in youngsters and the easy way to avoid it is to vaccinate and keep them protected with annual booster vaccinations.



Parkside Specialities

Parkside offers ultrasound examination using high-definition machines (and highly-trained vets) - ideal for non-invasive methods of examining the abdomen and heart - as well as endoscopic examination with our video-endoscope - good for investigating the gut and airways without surgery and we can now do arthroscopy, to look inside joints, often avoiding major surgery and as an aid to diagnosis. In addition, we provide special orthopaedic care from Stuart Ashworth for fracture repairs and lameness investigations. Stuart is an *Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Orthopaedics* and we receive referrals from other vets as well as caring for Parkside pets.

Fraser Goldie is an *Advanced Practitioner in Small-Animal Surgery*, also offering further expertise in orthopaedics but also complicated soft-tissue surgery.

Ongoing speciality training within the practice gives your pets even more options if the need arises and often avoids the inconvenience of referral to large university centres. Parkside staff all undergo ongoing training to keep ahead and keep up to speed with new developments, keeping standards high and giving your pets the best care from trained professionals.



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