

Autumn

The season will change and the leaves will begin falling, so check out our autumnal tips and warnings to keep your pets safe during these golden months.

Beware of sleepy wasps in rotting fruit on the ground....ouch sting!

Halloween chocolate and sweets - Keep out of reach....they are toxic to pets.

Before lighting bonfirescheck no hedgehogs are inside.

Firework fright! We have help and advice for your nervous pets.

Conkers and acorns contain aesculin/tannic acidtoxic to dogs.

Repair rabbit and guinea pig hutches to..... keep them warm and dry in winter.

Ensure your dog can be clearly seen on dusky autumnal walksreflective vest/collar.

Mushrooms and toadstoolsdifficult to know good from bad and some are highly toxic!

Orange/red flecks on your cat's skin could be irritating harvest mitestreatment is required, so please call us.

Ticks & fleas are still aroundmaintain those treatments.

Damp and rotting leaves contain mould spores and bacteria, which can be harmful to pets if ingested.

....And the Award goes to....

Independent Vet Care hold an evening for the **IVC Brilliant People Awards** and we are very pleased to say that some of our team were recently among the 600 nominations across 7 categories.

Ruth, Sergiu, Georgie and Jon were nominated for an award for their joint support and care of a little dog Daisy who needed emergency surgery on her eye.

Kerry one of our reception team at Holt was nominated for an award for her care and support of others despite her own personal challenges. We are really proud to say that **the vet team at Glaven won!** Our Practice Manager was nominated to go and collect the award on behalf of the team. Unfortunately, Kerry had some very stiff competition for her category, however we are very proud that she was short-listed from so many nominations and her efforts were recognised. **Well done to all!**



GLAVEN SURGERY HOURS

We are open for pet healthcare and advice during the hours of

Holt 01263 713200

Monday to Friday
8.30am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

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Monday to Friday
9am - 12noon
3pm - 6pm

Consultations with our Veterinary Surgeons and Nurses are by appointment

**24 HOUR 7 DAY
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Two Ears

The sound of the dog biscuit tin opening or the shake of the cat food box, and pets come running even if they are in the deepest of sleeps!

Their hearing is four times greater than us humans, is very sensitive and can detect higher frequency sounds. A cat and dog has many more muscles in their ears too, enabling them to raise, lower and tilt to pinpoint the actual direction and location where the sound is coming from. A cat can even independently rotate their ears, but no matter how amazingly our pets' ears perform, they can be prone to ear disease, also known as Otitis.

Otitis is a condition we see in our canine and feline friends, and at times is very painful and irritating. It can happen with any breed, but more so in those with floppy ears, hairy ear canals, dogs that swim regularly or have skin allergies.

Otitis Externa is when the external ear canal becomes inflamed, which can cause - **itching, redness or an unpleasant odour.**

We need to look at your pet without delay, if you notice ...

- **excessive head shaking or scratching**
- **a nasty smell coming from the ears**
- **thick dark wax or discharge**

Otitis Media affects the middle part of the ear, which can be a little more difficult to treat, and at times may happen due to ongoing or untreated Otitis Externa.

...and a Nose

olfaction n. the act or capacity of smelling; the sense of smell.

Nose Facts

Odour particles stick and accumulate inside the nose making the scent intense.

The area of a dog's brain that identifies all the smells, is about **40 times larger than a human's.**

Scent (olfactory) receptors range from 125-300 million depending on the breed, compared to humans who have only 5-6 million. Nostrils move independently, so informing the dog which direction the news is coming from!

A puppy has heat sensors in their nose, so Mum can be found in those early days of life when eyes and ears are closed.

Noses are generally cool and moist, which is caused by the mucus lining; a warm dry nose does not necessarily indicate illness, but any concerns contact your vet.

With this remarkable sense, dogs are now being trained to detect illness in humans, such as cancer and diabetes.

Your dog's nose is an amazing piece of equipment! A human's primary sense is sight, but for canines it is the sense of smell that helps your pet understand the world they live in.

As a dog's nose hits the air, it can detect, taste and even remember minute odours, giving past and current neighbourhood news! A dog has the ability to breathe and smell at the same time. A fold of tissue inside the nose, helps split the airflow as it enters the nostrils, so that all the wonderful odours are diverted down one path for identification in the brain.



Call us for more information on ear care.

Team News

Beth, one of our qualified nurses, is going on maternity leave. We celebrated by having a little baby shower at the practice. We all wish her lots of good luck with her forthcoming arrival, and look forward to having baby cuddles. Of course you can't have a celebration without cake, and a big thank you goes to Hannah at Quirk's Bakes for the beautifully decorated and delicious carrot cake! We say hello to some new faces - **Hannah** and **Steph** have joined the nursing team, and **Chloe** our student nurse has successfully **passed the first year of her training.** Just one more year to go before Chloe becomes a fully fledged RVN!



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Nose Problems Sneezing is natural, however if it becomes too regular or excessive, it is a good idea for us to check your pet.

They may be suffering from

An infection due to a dental or fungal problem. A possible polyp/tumour.

An allergy to food, pollen, dust etc. A foreign body e.g. a grass seed.

We have even heard of paper clips, dead insects, tinsel, string and a 12cm stick removed from noses! Any signs of a crusty nose, discharge or blood, then contact us immediately for advice.



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