

WELCOME TO CLAWS & PAWS
Paxton Vets Newsletter

Here you'll find great advice, offers for you and your pet, news, hints & tips, seasonal advice and much, much more!

PRACTICE NEWS

WINTER PHOTO COMPETITION

DO YOUR PETS HAVE A KNACK FOR PHOTO OPS?

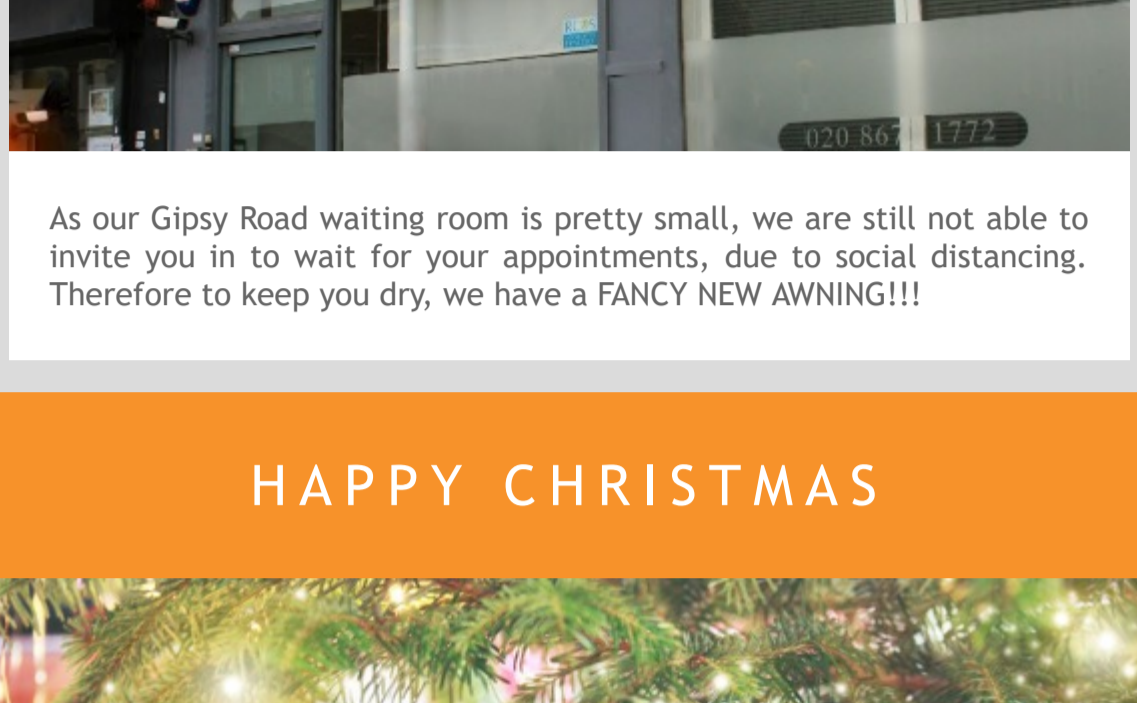
...Then our winter competition is for you!
Stay tuned for our weekly #challenges and warm up this chilly season with some furry (and not so furry!) fun.
Go to apps.vetinfo.com/PaxtonVets/winter and share the best winter photos of your pets with us

The best ones will get:

- 1st prize: £25 voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics
- 2nd prize: £15 voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics
- 3rd prize: £10 voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

PHOTO COMPETITION

NEW AWNING



As our Gipsy Road waiting room is pretty small, we are still not able to invite you in to wait for your appointments, due to social distancing. Therefore to keep you dry, we have a FANCY NEW AWNING!!!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



We'd like to wish all our clients & their pets a **Happy & Healthy Christmas & New Year**

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

- Fri 25th = CLOSED
- Sat 26th = CLOSED
- Sun 27th = CLOSED
- Mon 28th = CLOSED
- Tues 29th = Only our Gipsy Road Clinic will be open: 8.30-6.30pm
- Weds 30th = Only our Gipsy Road Clinic will be open: 8.30-6.30pm
- Thurs 31st = Only our Gipsy Road Clinic will be open: 8.30-6pm
- Fri 1st = CLOSED
- Sat 2nd = Only our Gipsy Road Clinic will be open: 9-5pm
- Sun 3rd = CLOSED
- Mon 4th = Both clinics open as normal: 8.30-6.30pm

Please ensure that you order your pet's medication and food in advance, so that you don't run out over the Christmas period!

CHRISTMAS DANGERS FOR PETS

Christmas dangers for pets

The festive season is fast approaching and, although this Christmas is likely to be different, there are things that do not change, including the most common Christmas hazards for our pets!

Christmas food

Sweets, cakes, pies, and biscuits can be particularly dangerous as these often contain xylitol, raisins, sultanas and chocolate, which are toxic to pets.

We also recommend avoiding feeding your pet with leftovers - onions and garlic are also toxic to pets, and our Christmas meals are often too fatty, which can easily upset their tummies.

Please be careful with bones as well, as these can be a choking hazard, cause constipation, or perforate your pet's intestine if swallowed.

Christmas decorations

It is wise to keep your pet from chewing on:

- Fairy lights, due to the risk of electrocution
- Ornaments, as these can cause bowel obstructions or contain antifreeze inside
- Toxic plants such as lilies, poinsettia, holly and mistletoe

Keep your pets safe this season and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns!

WINTER WARNINGS!

Winter warnings!

Are your pets ready to face the cold? Give our list a read and see what you might still need to prepare:

- Keep your pets inside during harsh weather conditions, and keep an eye out for signs of frostbite or skin irritation on their feet due to rock salt after being outside;
- Make sure outdoor bunnies have dry and well-insulated huts with plenty of bedding, appropriate nutrition and their water isn't frozen;
- Wild birds have difficulties finding food and other resources during this time of the year. You can give them a hand by providing unfrozen water sources and placing proper feed for them on your yard.
- Antifreeze, commonly used during winter for car maintenance, is highly toxic and ingestion can be fatal. Make sure you keep it out of your pets reach in sealed containers and if you suspect they have ingested it, bring them to the vet immediately!

CHRISTMAS HAZARDS FOR CATS

Christmas hazards for cats

With Christmas just around the corner and the festivities fast approaching, we feel this is the perfect time to remind all cat owners of some dangers this season might bring.

Christmas decorations

- Climbing the Christmas tree can lead to nasty falls;
- Accidental ingestion of tinsel and ribbons may lead to severe gastrointestinal obstructions;
- Chewing on fairy lights' cables may cause electrocution.

Toxic dangers

- Snow globe type ornaments usually contain antifreeze, a substance toxic to cats in very small amounts;
- Plants such as Poinsettia, amaryllis plant and lilies, and berries from holly and mistletoe are also poisonous;
- Christmas food and beverages, including alcohol, chocolate, raisins and grapes are poisonous to cats and so are onions and garlic, commonly used in cooking!

Remember: your cats' curiosity is bound to spark with all the novelty and shine! Keep them safe and enjoy a magical Christmas.

WE'D LOVE THIS NEWSLETTER TO BE ABOUT YOU & YOUR PET TOO...

- Have you got a story to tell?
- Would you like an answer to a question?
- We'd love to see a photo of your pet that we can share
- Have they been brave lately... have they survived an accident or illness?

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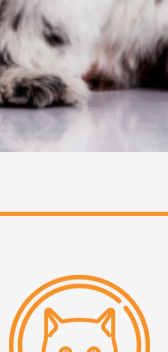
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We so want these stories... Please tell us!



DOG TRIVIA
Only dogs & humans have prostate glands



CAT FACT
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