

PET POISON AWARENESS MONTH

Hiya guys

Did you know March is Pet Poison Prevention Month?

This newsletter is a long one (I know, apologies in advance 🙏) but it is packed full of information about what is poisonous to your fur baby and what to do if you think your pet has been poisoned.

Animal enthusiasts declared March Pet Poison Awareness Month after National Poison Month began in 1961.

There are many items that are poisonous to our precious pets within the home and garden. Dogs, especially puppies, are very inquisitive.

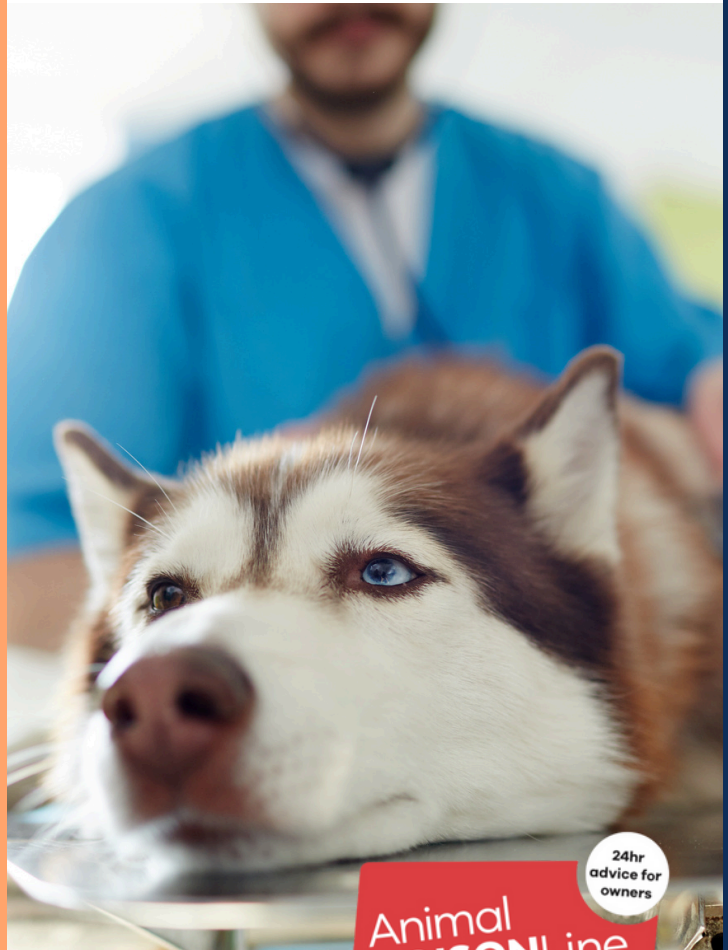
There are 1001 ways that pet poisoning can occur per day! Some poisons are common knowledge and often pet owners are already aware of but most poisons are still not known to owners yet they are common within our homes!

After COVID, a growing concern was the amount of pet poisonings from cleaning products. Also, more people took up gardening which increased the amount of pet poisonings from plants, pesticide, herbicides, fertilisers etc.

Many toxins can be fatal so knowing the signs to look out for is a must for all pet owners! Any signs require a vet visit immediately!

Pet Poison Prevention Month highlights a critical part of responsible ownership plus the importance of effective safety measures to protect your pets from harmful substances.

Let's take this opportunity to spread awareness plus gain more knowledge and understanding of poison safety for a happy, healthy and long life of your pet!



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**www.animalpoisonline.co.uk 24
hours a day (charges apply)**

Animal Poisionline is run by the VIPS, the UK's only animal poison centre, which has provided advice to vets on the management of poisoning in animal for over 25 years.



Slug and Snail pellets - Metaldehyde is a common ingredient of slug and snail baits or pellets. However, not all slug baits contain metaldehyde.



Chocolate contains the stimulant theobromine. Dark chocolate, cocoa mulch and cocoa contain high levels of theobromine.



Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) Ibuprofen and naproxen are examples of NSAIDs. Keep all drugs out of the reach of pets.



Rodent poisons ('rodenticides') This refers to anticoagulant rodenticides, such as warfarin, which prevent blood clotting. Not all rodenticides are anticoagulants.



Grapes, raisins, sultanas, currants Any quantity of these can be toxic. Cooking or baking doesn't reduce the risk of poisoning.



Vitamin D exists in many forms and is found in a variety of products like creams and ointments for psoriasis.



Avocado's have a substance called persin



Xylitol. This sweetener is found in many products, including sugar-free gum and candy.



Household products, from cleaners to fire logs. Not surprisingly, chemicals contained in antifreeze, paint thinner, and chemicals for pools also can act as dog poison.



Daffodils - Dogs can become unwell if the flowers are eaten, or if they drink water from a vase containing daffodils



Mouldy foods can contain lots of different toxins



Spring Crocuses - These bulbs are not to be confused with autumn crocus, which flower in autumn and can cause severe stomach issues



Mushroom/toadstools - There are thousands of different fungi in the UK, varying dramatically in shape, size, colour and how poisonous they are. Although some fungi may be fairly distinct in appearance, it is incredibly difficult to identify most wild mushrooms



Apricots, nectarines, damsons, cherries, plums, peaches and cherry laurel all belong to the Prunus family - The stones of these fruits contain cyanogenic glycosides, which can be broken down by enzymes to produce hydrogen cyanide.



Toads secrete venom from glands found on their skin that can be poisonous to pets that bite them, pick them up in their mouth or lick them. Toads are most active in warmer months and may be more easily found by your dog after rain or at dawn or dusk.



If a battery is chewed and punctured by your dog it can cause chemical burns, or even heavy metal poisoning in very rare and extreme cases



Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas with no colour, taste or smell and can be produced from house fires, faulty boilers, faulty heaters or heaters used in poorly ventilated spaces.



Nuts - such as macadamia, walnuts, and almonds

Pet of
BUDDY
the month

**Buddy is a 10 year old German Shepard
crossed with a boarder collie**

We rescued him
from dog trust
almost two and a
half year ago

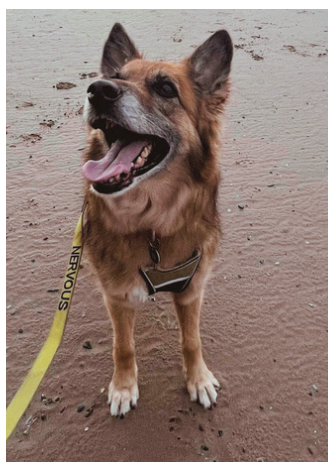


In terms of his walks he's
always wanting his nose to the
ground sniffing in long grass or
on the beach (although he's
scared of the sea). The one
thing he always has to have
with him no matter where he
goes is his Giraffe. Which he
carries around with pride no
matter how long he's on a walk
for

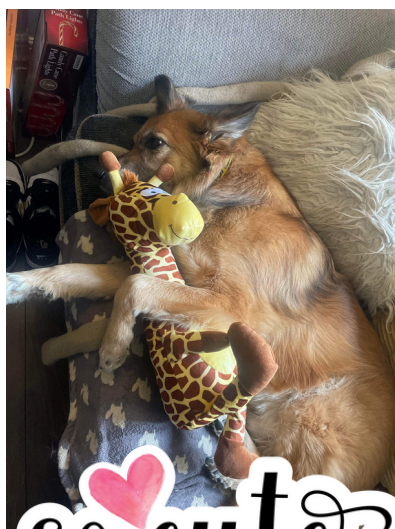
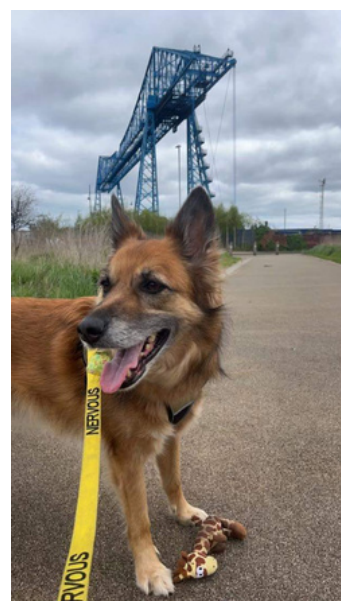
He's a socially anxious dog
when it comes to animals and
can be a little reactive.

However, he loves nothing
more than socialising with his
human friends at the pub. He
walks in and greet everyone
individually.

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Although one of his favourite past
times is to sleep. He's still a very
fun and loving old boy. Who when
given the opportunity will happily
run around and make loads of
noise (especially at birds)



so cute



