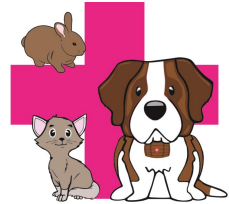


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Merry Christmas...



We all hope that you and your family have a peaceful time celebrating Christmas this year. Christmas looks and feels different for us all, but having fur-babies to share special occasions with is a real source of joy.

Don't forget to spoil your fur-babies - but please keep them away from all of the "Naughty & Nice" things that can be lurking under the Christmas tree. Chocolate is the main offender, dogs have an uncanny habit of finding the gifts which contain chocolate and running a quality control check on them before the humans get to open them.

St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic will be open the following hours over the Christmas holidays:

Thursday 24th December 2015: 8.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 25th December 2015: CLOSED
Saturday 26th December 2015: CLOSED
Monday 28th December 2015: CLOSED
Tuesday 29th December 2015: 8.00am - 7.00pm
Wednesday 30th December 2015: 8.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 31st December 2015: 8.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 1st January 2016: CLOSED
Saturday 2nd January 2016: 8.00am - 1.00pm

Best Wishes from Jenni, Lara, Chandana, Tamsyn, Bec, Michelle, Ellen and Ruby

Prevent a Crisis this Christmas

Here are our top tips to help prevent a Christmas catastrophe and keep your pet healthy and happy this Christmas.

Keep leftovers off the menu!

Don't be tempted to feed your pet leftovers. Christmas dinner is notorious for causing upset tummies and nasty episodes of painful pancreatitis in our pets. Never feed cooked bones and watch out for skewered meat that falls from the BBQ - we don't want to have to remove one of those from your dog's stomach!

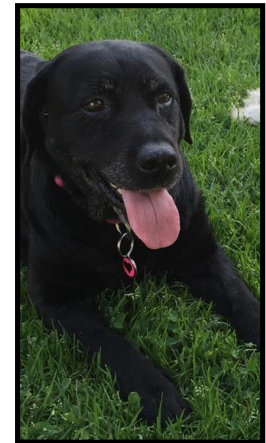
Be on hazard watch

Be on the look out for hazardous things your pet might find interesting. Cats love Christmas ornaments, electrical wires, ribbon, string and wrapping paper but all of these can cause major problems if ingested. Candles and burning oils are also dangerous. Remember that ingestion of stems, stamens or the flowers of Christmas lilies can cause kidney failure in cats.

Make festive plans for your pet

Give your pet plenty of love and attention over Christmas - it is a busy time of year and your pet will pick up on this. Make sure you plan out some fun for your pet on Christmas Day and remember to keep them safe and secure during festive fireworks.

Don't forget: We have some great treats and presents available to help stuff your pet's Christmas stocking so drop by to check them out!



Patient of the Month

This month we would like to share with you Lara and Chelsea's story. Lara, our practice manager has recently adopted the beautiful Chelsea, an 11 year old Labrador who was unfortunately left behind when her family moved interstate. Lara and Suzy (a delightful Golden Retriever) decided that they had room in their home and hearts for another fur-baby, but they both felt that a puppy was not quite the right fit for their current lifestyle. Chelsea's profile was listed online by Pet Rescue and it was love at first sight. Chelsea visited St Bernard's Road clinic for a health check and screening blood tests to make sure that she was healthy inside and out. She had a few minor health issues which were addressed, and she also needed to be desexed and have her teeth cleaned, but she was settled into the family really well - even learning to use the doggie door all by herself.



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