

THE PRIORY POST

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December's BRAVERY AWARD goes to ... Misty, a beautiful 5 year old bunny was seen by us as an emergency case having been attacked by a fox that morning. The owners got to him just in time. But the fox had already bitten off part of Misty's right forelimb!!

After a long discussion with our vet Abby the owners elected to go for surgery for Misty and the foreleg was amputated that day.

Misty coped extremely well with the surgery and at her post op check was remarkably happy and reported to be eating very well.

Now reunited with her housemate Cloudy - Misty is one lucky bunny.

The owner reports that Misty is doing really well and is happily hopping around and getting stronger every day. He's been in the living room since the incident but has spent a bit of time in his outdoor hutch where he managed to go up and down the ramp and also the tunnel that connects to the run. His sister Cloudy is looking after him and helping him by grooming him in the places he now finds hard to reach due to the missing front paw.



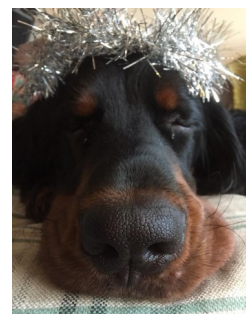
Here he is with his sister Cloudy before the incident.



And here he is post surgery! A brave and very lucky bunny.

On behalf of everyone at Priory Lodge we wish all our staff and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for continuing to support us and allowing us the pleasure of caring for your lovely pets.



On the first day of Christmas my "true love" gave to me

Researched and written by Lucy

(but are they really your "true love" when they give you all these dangerous gifts??)



- Tinsel** and other hanging decorations can look just like cat toys. There is a risk that your pet might swallow them or even break glass ornaments causing injury. Tinsel in particular can cause serious illness if ingested due to the blockages it can cause, in some cases this can even be fatal.
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING** and mince pies – grapes and dried vine fruits, including currants, sultanas and raisins can cause severe kidney failure if eaten.
- Chocolate and sweets** – chocolate is toxic to dogs and even small amounts can cause serious illness. Many Christmas sweets such as candy canes contain a sugar-free sweetener called xylitol, which is poisonous to dogs.
- Onions**, garlic, leeks, shallots and chives – all belong to the allium species of plant and are poisonous to dogs whether cooked or uncooked. Avoid feeding foods that include these ingredients, such as gravy.
- Leftovers** Don't be tempted to give your dog leftover Christmas food which can include hidden ingredients toxic to dogs. Also mould in leftovers can make them ill.
- Christmas trees**—the oils produced by some real Christmas trees are also mildly toxic if consumed, causing minor irritation to a pet's mouth and stomach.
- Christmas lights** can pose a real danger to pets if they decide to chew on any electrical wiring. Switch lights off at the mains when you're not around to supervise your pet, use battery powered LED lights instead. If you do use electric lights be sure to cover any exposed wires leading to the tree with plastic or cardboard tubes.
- Christmas plants:**
 - Poinsettia is often feared by cat owners but is, in fact, only mildly toxic to felines if eaten causing minor stomach irritation
 - Berries, including those from holly and mistletoe, are far more dangerous, as well as amaryllis plants
 - Dieffenbachia, causes irritation of the mouth and can be toxic.
- Alcohol**- Dogs cannot metabolize alcohol, so drinks, foods, or household products containing alcohol can cause lethargy, respiratory depression and dangerously low body temperature in dogs.
- Snow globes**— Cat owners should be wary of snow globes as they can contain ethylene glycol, commonly known as antifreeze. This is highly toxic to pets. If the ornament breaks and the liquid spills out, there's a real risk your cat could lick it up or swallow it whilst grooming and become critically ill. Be sure to check what chemicals your snow globe contains and keep it well out of the reach of any curious cat!
- Cheese board** - Keep your pet away from blue cheeses such as stilton. The fungus used to make these cheeses produces a substance called roquefortine C which dogs can be sensitive to. This substance can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, high temperatures and even seizures.
- STRESS** at Christmas! Too many guests can be stressful for your pet. Prepare by providing a safe space for them to retreat. This could be a quiet room or a den, make sure it's somewhere where they can't be disturbed, and remember to provide them with their food, water, litter trays and any familiar toys so they have everything they need in their safe space.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Friday 23rd December	8.30am to 7pm
Saturday 24th December	8.30am to 12pm
Sunday 25th December	CLOSED
Monday 26th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 27th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 28th December	8.30am to 7pm
Thursday 29th December	8.30am to 7pm
Friday 30th December	8.30am to 7pm
Saturday 31st December	8.30am to 12pm
Sunday 1st January	CLOSED
Monday 2nd January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd January	8.30am to 7pm

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STAFF NEWS

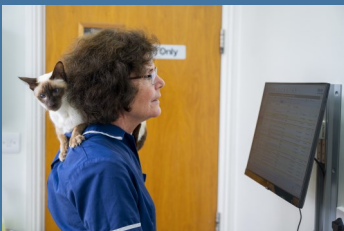
Welcome to our newest member of staff



Liv is our Animal Nursing Assistant. She comes to us with a veterinary background in a referral centre and is now wanting some first opinion experience. Liv is hoping to become a trainee nurse with us in the future.

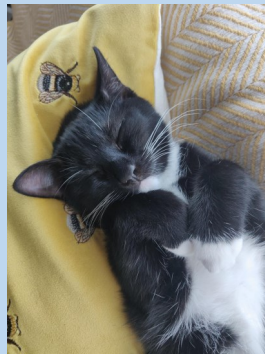


Chloe is our latest trainee nurse, Chloe has just started her 3 year course at Plumpton college. She is very much enjoying being back in an academic environment once a week.



Ruth is now back at work after her time off with a broken wrist. We are so pleased to have her back 😊

CATS DO THE STRANGEST THINGS!! (and we wonder why we give them 9 lives!)



This beautiful girl has a varied appetite and on this particular occasion she decided to swallow 90cm of string! Our vet Ruth decided to make her sick and fortunately she successfully vomited up all the string.

Although it would seem that linear foreign bodies should pass uneventfully, this is not always the case. The string can become wrapped around the base of the tongue or the stomach which can be a choking hazard, cause the cat to swallow the string, or if the string had a needle attached the needle may pierce the stomach or intestines and more. If the string is wrapped around the internal organs, the intestines will attempt to move this linear foreign body down the gastrointestinal tract for elimination but since the linear body is unable to move,

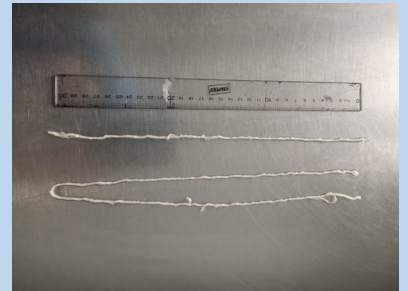
this will result in the intestines bunching up and narrowing. This is an emergency and can lead to painful swelling in the cats stomach and the cat will be unable to eat until the item is removed. If the linear foreign body does not cause immediate blockage, it can also

harm your cat by causing perforation of your cats' internal organs.

Think of a string rubbing these organs, this may cause the organs to perforate and puncture which will prevent the organs from working appropriately and lead to internal bleeding, another emergency.



As you can see she is totally unphased by the whole thing and really cannot understand what all the fuss is about!



HAPPY PETS CLUB

Our new and improved monthly subscription service for dogs and cats

The Happy Pets Club covers your pet's annual vaccination and preventative treatments against a broad range of parasites. The best thing about this service is that your pets' parasite treatments are delivered straight to your door every month! No journeys to the vets to collect and no forgetting when it's due, fabulous!

As well as the main benefits stated, you also benefit from: 20% off all consultations and kennel cough vaccinations (for dogs), 10% off pet food & accessories bought at the practice, dental treatments and long term medications. AND to top it off we offer free nail clips with a nurse!

Thank you to all our contributors for our "new pet" wall. Some gorgeous photos!

In the New Year we will be paying tribute to our more senior citizens

