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Posion Prevention Month

The monthly news

March is national pet poison prevention month and is a great time to renew owners knowledge of natural and processed pet toxins.

1. Human Medication

Both prescription and over the counter medication for human use can be toxic to pets.

Pain killers, cold medication, anti-cancer drugs, antidepressants, vitamins and diet pills are common examples of human medication that could be potentially lethal even in small dosages.

2. Baits & Poisons

A lot of calls to vet clinics are from clients wanting advice or with concerns that their pet has ingested herbicides, insecticides and pesticides.

Poisons that are designed to kill insects, rats and foliage are poisonous to our pets as well. Common examples are Ant and roach baits, weeds killers, rat and mice bait, snail bait and 1080 poison.

3. Human food

there are many human food which pets should not be given. Please avoid the following:

Chocolate, coffee, onions and onion powder, fatty foods, avocado, salt,

grapes, sultanas, raisins, currants, xylitol (sugar-free gum, some peanut butter brands), yeast dough, strings and sticks from food rolls or kebabs, Absorbent pad from meat wrap in trays, off food and compost.

4. Toxic plants and flowers

Often people don't know the hidden dangers with some beautiful plants or flowers and their pets. Some common toxic plants include anemone or wildflower, azalea, brunfelsia, bulbs, daffodils, lilies, hydrangeas, jasmine and tomato plants etc.

If you are interested in learning more about toxic plants or flowers, please go to www.australiandoglover.com for more information.

5. Fertilisers

Fertiliser products generally contain varying amounts of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) compounds. They may be in a liquid, granular or solid form and have additives such as herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, iron, copper and zinc.

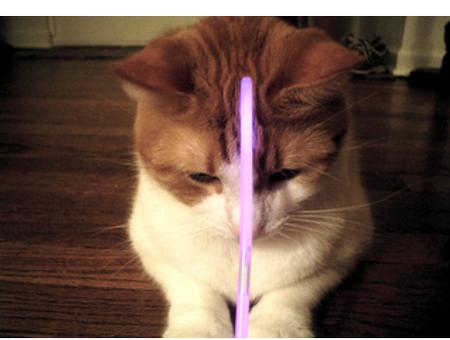
MEET THE TEAM

CHRISTIE ROBINSON

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CHRISTIE HAS BEEN WORKING IN ANIMAL HEALTH SINCE 2006 WHEN SHE STARTED AT BLIGH PARK VETERINARY HOSPITAL. CHRISTIE WORKS FULL TIME AS BOTH PRACTICE MANAGER AND VETERINARY NURSE. CHRISTIE HAS A BACHELOR OF ANIMAL SCIENCE OBTAINED THROUGH THREE YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY. CHRISTIE IS EXPERIENCED IN VETERINARY NURSING, ANIMAL HANDLING AND ANIMAL HEALTH.



6. Household Items

Pieces of cloth: socks, underwear, bras, ribbons and dish cloths.

Personal hygiene items: Tampons, sanitary pads and condoms.

Batteries: Alkaline and lithium

Small plastic toys: Ooshies.

Cleaning products: acidic or alkaline (Dettol brand)

Glowsticks: dibutyl phthalate

Liquid pot-pourri (scent diffuser):

Contain dangerous toxins that can burn the tissues in the mouth, oesophagus, stomach and cause serious skin burns

Essential oils: some of the oils can be toxic if absorbed through the skin, ingested and even excessive inhalation via diffusers.

Paint and varnish.

Anti-freeze: Ethylene glycol is lethal to pets

Turpentine and methylated spirits.

Silica gel: from newly purchased items such as purses, shoes and some children's toys.

Certain soaps and shampoos.

7. Alcohol and Cigarettes

For pets alcohol and cigarettes are toxic. Animals with drink a variety of alcohols from methanol to even party drinks like vodka.

Tobacco products can be attractive to pet from either the smell of your mouth or fruity vapes.

8. Cane toads

When threatened the toads will excrete a milky like poison from their skin that causes excessive salivation, muscle spasms, vomiting, seizures, increased heart rates and even death in severe cases

In all cases please seek veterinary care straight away.

If you have any concerns or need more information please call (02) 4587 7177 and chat with our lovely staff.

Next Month in April's issue, we will be going through heartworm prevention. Quote this newsletter for 10% off Nexgard Spectra or SR12 injection



Pet of the Month

Beautiful Eddy

Eddy was in for his regular clip and bath and was chosen as pet of the month because he is always so cheerful, and stands perfectly for Christie to groom him. Eddy has won a \$20 voucher for his next visit!



In loving memory



This will be a place for pets that have moved on to be remembered. If you wish for your pet to be included in our newsletter, please send us their name, photo and obituary.

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