



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic Newsletter

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Our core values:

- The well-being of you and your pets
- To provide high quality medicine and surgery
- Honest and reliable vet care
- Continually updating our knowledge and services
- Striving to build a long term partnership with you and your pets

Our facilities and services include:

- Routine veterinary consultations, vaccinations and microchipping.
- Small Animal surgical facilities; elective & orthopedics.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, digital radiology.
- Quarantine
- Pet food and other pet supplies

Welcome to Ultimate Vet Clinics SUMMER edition newsletter

We are very excited to say that each season we will be able to email you all the latest clinic news, special offers, upcoming events, and any clinic promotions and discounts.

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Ultimate Vet welcomes any suggestions or ideas of things you would like to see in our newsletters. If you have anything to share, drop us a line at info@ultimatevet.com.au and we'll see what we can do for you.

We appreciate your feedback



Common Christmas food dangers for dogs:

Christmas is a great time of year and should be fun for all the family, dogs included. There are a few Christmas foods that can be bad for our dogs, so it's important to keep an eye on them too.

1. Cooked Bones From Chicken & Turkey

The cooking process dehydrates bones so they become brittle and splinter easily. Large fragments can become stuck and cause obstructions, while smaller pieces can irritate and sometimes puncture their stomach. We recommend carving the meat and disposing of the carcass immediately to avoid any potential danger of your dog eating them.

2. Turkey Skin and Gravy

Foods like gravy and the skin on a turkey are full of fat and pups find it hard to digest. If they get hold of enough of it, your worst case scenario is pancreatitis. Pancreatitis is very painful for our pups and causes vomiting and diarrhoea. No matter how tasty a little treat of turkey skin might seem, it is probably best not to take the risk of them ending up with something as serious as pancreatitis.

3. Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake and Mince Pies

Giving your dogs a piece of Christmas pudding isn't a great idea. They are jam-packed full of current raisins and sultanas, which have serious health risks. A chemical in grapes can cause kidney failure in pets and raisins have this chemical in greater concentrations.

4. Chocolate

Dogs have a seriously strong sense of smell. Just assume that they can find your hiding spot, so make sure it is beyond their reach. Chocolate contains theobromine, which is toxic to both cats and dogs. The more concentrated the chocolate (think cocoa powder and dark chocolate more-so than milk chocolate and white chocolate), the more harmful it is.

5. Nuts

Pets have trouble digesting some nuts because they are high in fat and this has the potential to cause pancreatitis. Macadamia nuts in particular. Within 12 hours of ingestion macadamia nuts can cause dogs to experience weakness, depression, tremors, vomiting and hyperthermia (increased body temperature). These symptoms tend to last for approximately 12 to 48 hours, and as with all the other food groups mentioned if you suspect your dog has consumed macadamia nuts note the possible quantity consumed and contact us immediately.

If you are at all worried about something your pet has eaten contact the clinic immediately on 8790 2425.



Don't forget about your pets this Christmas!



Fuzzyard pet beds



Kong Braidz dog



Kong Wobbler cat

**Greenies dental
treats**



All available at the clinic!



To All Our Valued and Loyal Customer,

**We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Xmas
and a happy and healthy New Year!**

**Thank you for all your support and we look
forward to caring for your 2, 3 and 4 legged
friends in 2016!**



**From Bob, Sandra and all the
team at Ultimate Vet Clinic!**



Latest news:

Welcome back to Kylie who will be coming back to work for 2 days a week starting in January. Cant' wait to have you back on the team!

Farewell to Dr Natalie who is leaving us to adventure off & live in Dubai!! All the best Nat!
Congratulations to nurse Kelly who is getting married in Feb.

THIS MONTH:

December:

Cassie– Wishing You a very happy birthday!

NEXT MONTH:

January:

Sandra– Happy Birthday, hope you have a fantastic day and bob spoils you like you deserve!



**Help improve your pets behavioural problems through *puppy socialisation*.
Socialise your pet today and make him a great pet and lifelong companion!**

Puppy classes focus greatly on socialisation. Having your puppy learn how to play and interact with other dogs is an essential part of your puppy's early development

Each puppy class runs for 4 weeks, covering subjects like nutrition, vaccinations, worming, toilet training and basic obedience and behaviours.

New classes will begin on: January next year. Each class is run on Tuesday nights from 6-7pm
Dates to be confirmed.

Call us now and speak to our friendly staff to secure your spot! Places are strictly limited.

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