



CASTLE VETS PETS

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Easter Opening Hours

Launceston

Good Friday (18th April) - Closed
Emergency Service Available

Saturday 19th April - 8:30am - 3:00pm
Emergency Service Available

Easter Sunday (20th April) - Closed
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Tuesday 22nd April - Normal Opening
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Easter Hazards for Pets

Easter is the time of year that us humans look forward to indulging in chocolate and hot cross buns, but did you know that these things can be harmful to our

pets. Many of the foods we eat can be bad for our pets and this includes an Easter Sunday roast. We all know the power of pleading puppy eyes and the temptation to sneak them a bite under the table, but some foods traditionally served with a roast are toxic to pets, too fatty or too salty for them. Roast ham for example contains high levels of salt which can cause neurological issues if your pet eats too much. It's not just dogs that may try and swipe food off the kitchen worktops, if you have a cat who enjoys a bit of counter surfing it's important to keep harmful food out of their reach too.

With large amounts of chocolate often found around the home at Easter time the risk of chocolate poisoning increases. Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which can be poisonous to dogs, as well as most other animals such as cats, rodents and rabbits. The darker the chocolate the more theobromine it will contain. While Easter egg hunts are lots of fun it is important to make sure that the chocolate eggs are found by people not pooches. Please make sure that children are aware not to share their Easter goodies with their furry friends.

Even a small number of grapes, or the dried versions of them (raisins, sultanas or currants) can be harmful to dogs. Hot cross buns and Simnel cake should be kept well out of reach.



It's not just food that we have to keep out of paws reach, springtime flowering bulbs and plants such as daffodils, tulips, and spring crocus are also dangerous. Lilies in particular are highly toxic to cats. Even Easter decorations pose a potential risk to our animals.



Things like the little fluffy chicks that often come in Easter baskets may look particularly delicious to a cat or dog and if swallowed could get stuck in the back of their throats, or in their stomachs and will not be able to pass through the intestines.

Countryside walking with your dog

Exploring the Great British countryside with your dog is a great way to relax, unwind and get some fresh air but you need to take the right steps to make the

walks enjoyable for everyone. It's really important to be mindful of other people, wildlife and farm animals – especially when you are out with your dog.

At this time of year, we see the fields filling up with livestock and their young. Make sure you are cautious when walking near livestock and always keep your dog on a lead. Animals like sheep and cattle can be very protective of their young, and if your dog is off their lead, they can be at risk of being charged at. Livestock who are chased by dogs can become seriously distressed, even if the dog doesn't catch them or cause any physical harm. The stress of the chase alone can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs. Please remember, just because you can't see baby animals in a field, it doesn't mean your dog's presence won't be distressing for the animals that are there.



World Veterinary Day

The last Saturday in April marks World Veterinary Day and it serves as an opportunity to recognise the vital contributions of veterinarians and the broader veterinary community in promoting animal health and welfare.

We would like to express our thanks to every member of the team here at Castle Vets.

