



Newsletter

Ripley Veterinary Hospital

WARM HEARTS FOR COLD NOSES

Our glorious autumn weather has arrived after a hot, dry summer! We hope the change of season brings with it not only cooler days but more of this much needed rainfall.

Already in April, Easter holidays are soon upon us. Our trading hours over this holiday period are:

- **Good Friday, 19 April 2019 – CLOSED**
- **Easter Saturday, 20 April 2019 – CLOSED**
- **Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019 – CLOSED**
- **Easter Monday, 22 April 2019 – CLOSED**
- **ANZAC Day 25 April 2019 – CLOSED**

For any emergencies during our closure period contact Animal Emergency Services, located at 34 Goggs Road Jindalee, on (07) 3715 9999.



Easter Dangers – chocolate toxicity

Most dogs love chocolate and with their strong sense of smell they are very good at finding it! Every year there is always those naughty dogs that decide to have a chocolate feast and it's important that you know how toxic it is for them!

Chocolate contains Theobromine which is a highly toxic compound that dogs cannot metabolise. It causes damage to the heart muscle, the heart to speed up, become arrhythmic (irregular), diarrhoea, agitation, tremors, seizures and has a high amount of fat, which can cause pancreatitis.

Not surprisingly, Easter is one of the busiest times for chocolate toxicities and if your dog eats chocolate – it is an emergency.

Treatment for Chocolate Toxicity can vary from inducing vomiting and placing them on activated charcoal to absorb any remaining chocolate safely or hospitalising the dog on intravenous fluid therapy and medications.

However, it is not only chocolate that can be an issue at Easter! Whilst Hot Cross Buns are yummy and a household staple at this time of year – many people are not aware that sultanas and raisins (and grapes) contain a toxin that may cause kidney damage in dogs. Keep these off the menu at all times and watch for any that happen to drop to the floor.

Quick action is essential in reducing the damage to your pet – prevention is even better! It's a good idea to make sure your Easter treats are well out of reach... that way you get to enjoy them yourself!

RSPCA Million Paws Walk – 19 May 2019

Join us on May 19th in Limestone Park, Ipswich and support the walk to fight animal cruelty. We will have a stand starting from 8.30am and continuing after the walk, so it will be a great day out for your friends, family and dogs!



Pet Behaviour Information Night – 7 June 2019

Are you experiencing any unwanted behaviours from your pets such as digging, biting, chewing, scratching, barking or more? Join us on 7 June 2019 at 6.30pm for our free information night that is aimed at providing advanced information to pet owners on how to assess pet behaviour and to modify problem behaviours.

For further updates and tickets please check out our Facebook page.

Ripley Veterinary Hospital's Birthday – 6 July 2019



Ripley Veterinary Hospital is turning 1!

To celebrate this occasion, we are throwing a party in honour of our clients and the community that have made us feel so welcome over the past year. Its going to be a blast! We hope to see you and your pets then! More details are coming soon.

Meet the new kittens on the block!

Our team does such a great job at taking unloved, sick and homeless animals in, nursing them and returning them to a good state of health, loving them and caring for them until their forever home is found.

BUT.... we need you, our clients, our Ripley community, to be able to keep doing this!

We currently have **four** beautiful little kittens in our foster care that will soon be ready for adoption. Keep on eye on our Facebook page for updates or send us an email if you are interested to learn more.



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