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Spring is here!! It is nice to have a little colour after a long winter.  
With Spring comes Easter and hopefully some warmer weather!  
A huge thank you to those who continue to support us and welcome to all of our new clients. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!



Easter Opening Hours:

Friday April 02 - Emergencies only  
Saturday 3<sup>h</sup> April - 9am-12noon  
Sunday 04<sup>st</sup> April - Emergencies only  
Monday 05<sup>st</sup> April - Emergencies only

Back to normal hours  
Tuesday 06<sup>nd</sup> April 09am-6pm

Pet of the Month



March Pet of the Month goes to Snowee!  
Snowee is a gorgeous little rescue with sore eyes and hearing difficulties .  
He has been to visit us a few times over the last month.  
We love having such a cute dog around :)

# Easter & Springtime Hazards for Dogs & Cats

Spring and Easter are a great time to take an inventory of potential pet hazards. Here are a few quick tips on what to watch over this period (we know that avid readers of this newsletter are already aware of some of these toxins).

## Easter Lily:

The **Easter Lily** is a common finding this time of the year. This plant, and related plants in the lily family, are **highly toxic to cats** if ingested. The first signs seen are vomiting and lethargy, and if untreated, may progress to kidney failure and death. Please call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect that your cat has eaten any part of a lily plant. Another spring flower that is often used in cut flower arrangements, is the **daffodil**, this flower is also **toxic to cats**.



## Chocolate:

Many dogs have a sweet tooth, a great nose and the determination to find chocolate-hidden or not! The toxic components in chocolate are *theobromine* and *caffeine*, and the level of toxicity is based on the type and quantity of chocolate consumed.

Different types of chocolate have different amounts of *theobromine* and *caffeine*; dark chocolate contains the highest concentration

and white chocolate contains the least. Early clinical signs are vomiting, diarrhoea and trembling.



## Xylitol:

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener used in many candies, chewing gums and baked goods; it is potentially very toxic to dogs and ferrets. Please ring us immediately if your pet has ingested this or any other toxic on **01823 240140**.