



Monthly Newsletter

ISSUE 20 - DECEMBER 2021

Hi Everyone,

Just one week to go until Christmas! Our Christmas Fair / Open Day was a great success. We had a good turnout and we raised £449.80 for our charities, Pet Support and SHAK (Safe Homes and Kindness). Our dog hamper was won by Walter, and the cat hamper was won by Sophie.

As pet owners, some of you will love to give your pets a little Christmas dinner treat, which is fine, but just be careful with what you feed them. Certain foods can be very toxic and harmful to pets, so it's worth avoiding these as part of a festive treat!

Please avoid giving your pets bones, as these can cause obstructions. Chocolate, grapes, raisins, and sultanas are also highly toxic to our furry friends causing vomiting, diarrhoea and, in some cases, acute kidney failure, which can prove fatal. So, please watch your pets around food and small toys over the festive period. This can sometimes lead to an unexpected trip to the vet! Read our article on festive hazards for your pets to ensure you don't get caught out this Christmas.

We have put on a little competition on our Facebook page to win two Christmas Ducks from now until Monday 21st December! To take part, just share pictures in the comments of the competition post showing your animals at Christmas time from snowy walks to Christmas jumpers/outfits. We will choose the winner with the best photo on Monday 21st December.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Coquet Vets Team





CHRISTMAS DANGERS FOR DOGS

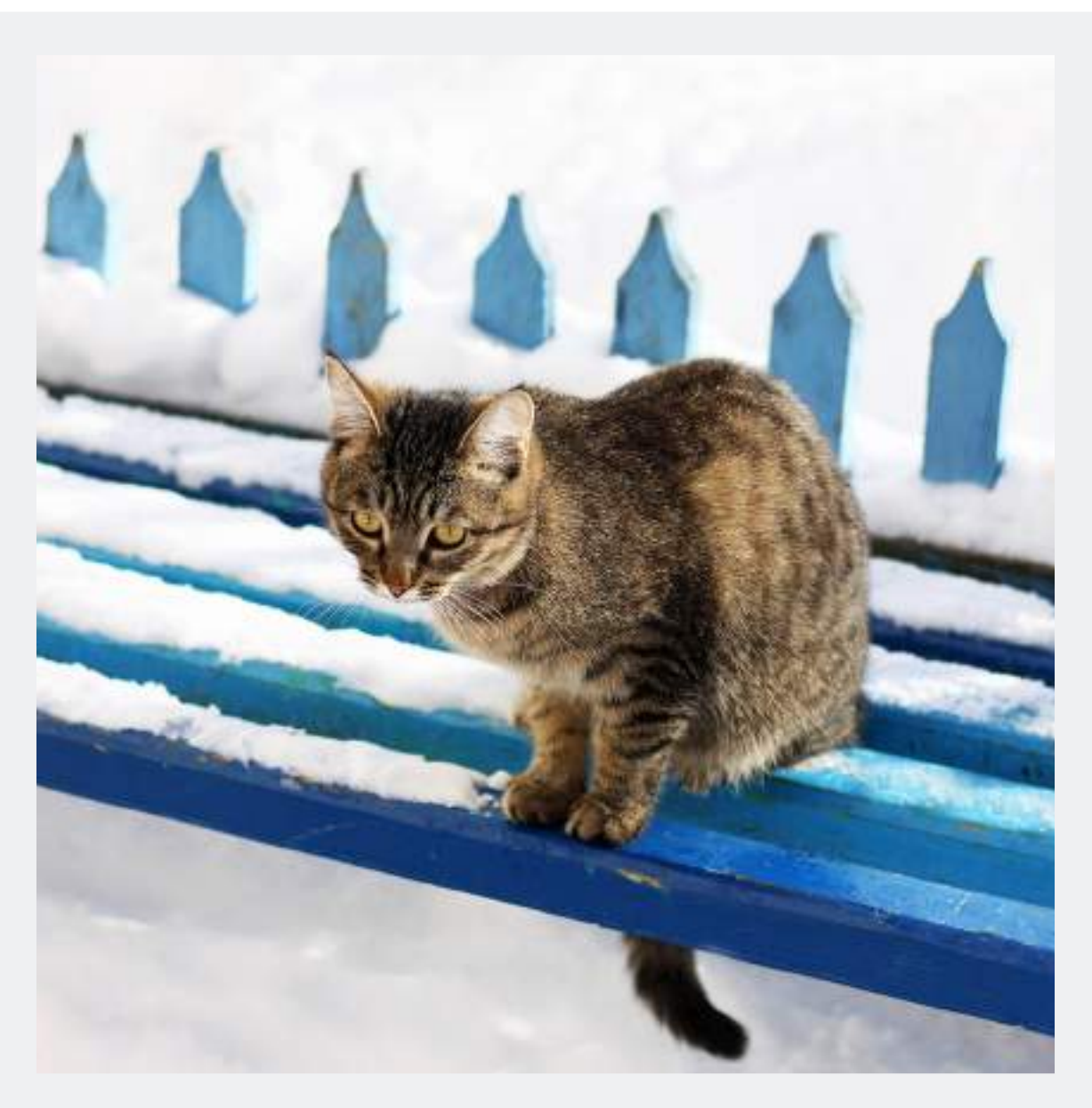
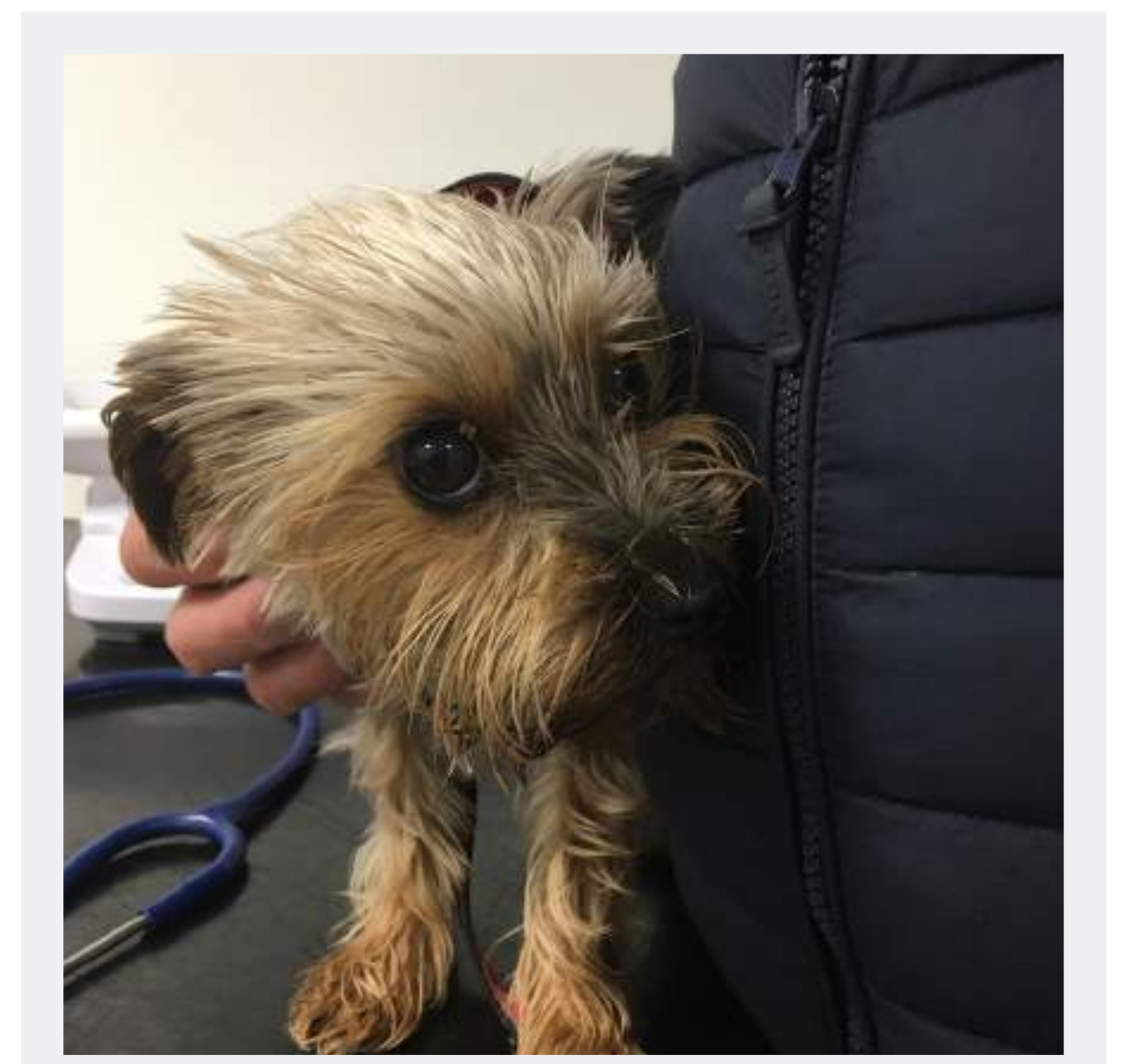
We would like to share this article again to remind you all to be very careful with your pets over the festive holidays. Christmas is that time of year when we see many more admissions with lots of naughty dogs pinching food or other items when their owners are not looking. Sometimes this can lead to an unexpected trip to the vet, so don't get caught out this Christmas and ensure you keep your pets safe from festive hazards.

>> [Find out more](#)

CASE STUDY: NASAL GRASS BLADE

This is a short case study about a little female neutered Yorkshire terrier, called Lilly, who was quite distressed and could not stop sneezing after a trip to the beach. Here is what we found!

>> [Find out more](#)



ETHYLENE GLYCOL (EG) TOXICITY IN PETS

As we move into the winter months, it's important to be aware of the dangers of antifreeze to your pets. All animals are susceptible to ethylene glycol (EG) toxicity, but it is most common in dogs and cats. Most intoxication is associated with ingestion of antifreeze, which is commonly used in the winter months. Here are the symptoms to look out for if you suspect your pet has EG toxicity.

>> [Find out more](#)

CASE STUDY - ELBOW WOUND

This is a short case study about Keiser, one of SHAK's golden oldie residents, who presented with a significant lameness in early November. Here is what we found!

>> [Find out more](#)





RAFFLE WINNERS: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO HAMPER WINNERS!

We recently ran a raffle to win a cat hamper and a dog hamper with all proceeds going to our charities, Pet Support and SHAK (Safe Homes and Kindness).

We are delighted to see the hampers going to Walter the dog and Sophie. Here is an adorable photo of Walter - the lucky winner of our dog hamper! We hope you enjoy your special treats.

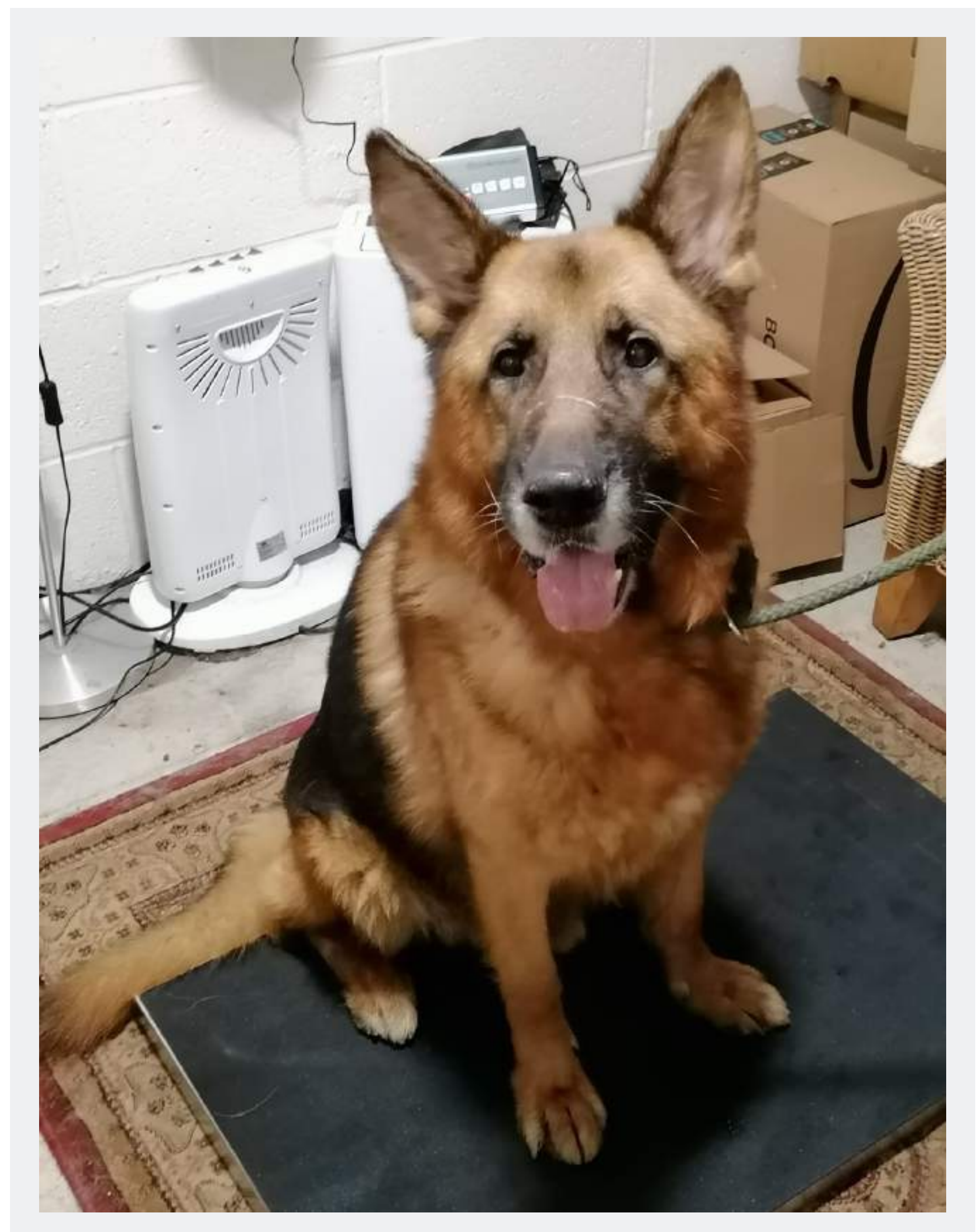
CHARITY NEWS: LIFE IS MUCH BETTER WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

As a part of the wider veterinary community, we rely on the support of other companion animal companies, local vets, and the general community.

We hopefully provide a service in return, including the support our local dog charity SHAK (Safe Homes and Kindness). This is a dog charity based just north of Alnwick whose aim is to take in dogs with behaviour issues and rehabilitate them. For those dogs that are unable to go into a home environment, they are cared for long term by the charity, allowing them to live a long and healthy life.

We visit the kennels twice a year to see all the dogs as well as seeing them regularly in our clinic. During our last visit we were informed that their dog scales were broken. Being able to weigh these dogs regularly is essential for their care, especially those on medications. After a few failed attempts at fixing the scales (not even our very talented handy man could do it), we contacted our Hills rep who we work closely with for advice and supply of our dog foods (both our normal and prescription), and they very kindly donated a new set of scales.

Without this support the charities couldn't continue. So, we just want to say thanks - life is much better with a little help from our friends. Thank you, Hills!



COMPETITION: WIN SOME CHRISTMAS DUCKS!

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FESTIVE HOURS: CHRISTMAS HOURS AT COQUET VETS - DECEMBER/JANUARY

Don't forget that we will have different opening hours over the festive period, so please make sure you check our website for the latest opening hours.

Over 24th December 2021 to 3rd January 2022 our opening hours will be as follows:

Friday 24th December	- 8.30am to 4.00pm
Saturday 25th December	- Closed
Sunday 26th December	- Closed
Monday 27th December	- Closed
Tuesday 28th December	- Closed
Saturday 1st January	- Closed
Monday 3rd January	- Closed

Our out of hours provider is Moorview Referrals Cramlington: Tel: 01913388890

For the latest surgery opening hours, see our 'Contact Us' page [here >>](#)



LATEST UPDATES - DECEMBER 2021



PROMOTION: FIREWORKS AND PETS CONSULTATION FOR £25



We are still running our 'Fireworks and Pets Consultation' promotion to help you manage your pet during the fireworks season. This includes a consultation with one of our vets for a health check and to discuss your pet's specific needs during the fireworks season.

This consultation is just £25 and is available from now until the 31st December 2021.

To book in your pet for the 'Fireworks and Pets Consultation', just contact us on 01665 252 250 or email us at info@coquetvets.co.uk.

PROMOTION: 5 WEEKS FREE PET INSURANCE WITH VETSURE

Getting a pet for Christmas? Make sure you are covered with good pet insurance.

If your pet is over 16 weeks of age and under 10 years and your pet is not yet insured, we can offer you 5 weeks FREE pet insurance with Vetsure.

>> [Find Out More](#)

Merry Christmas!



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