



TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY AND HAPPY PETS THIS AUTUMN

Our clinicians have some top tips for keeping your pets fit and healthy this autumn. As the natural environment changes there's lots on the ground that may interest your pet – like acorns, conkers and mushrooms. So, it's extra important to keep a close eye on your pet when on walks in the autumn.



Keep up with exercise
Even though the weather is cooler it's important you still walk your dog daily



Diet
If your pet is spending less time outside/exercising adjust their diet accordingly



Halloween sweets
Keep any chocolates and sweets out of your pet's reach



Pumpkins
Large quantities of pumpkins can upset your pet's tummy



Candles
Keep burning candles out of your pet's reach



Conkers and acorns
Eating conkers and acorns can cause tummy upsets and rarely kidney and liver disease



Safety on walks
Use reflective clothing or a light up collar for yourself and your dog



Fireworks
Create a safe space for your pet and try to behave normally, having background noise like the television or music can also help



Mushrooms
Don't let your dog eat mushrooms and toadstools as these can contain toxins



Shelters
If your pet enjoys being outdoors, ensure they have shelter available



Fleas
Use flea protection on your pet as fleas love the warmth of our homes



Antifreeze

As the temperature drops, drivers start to use anti-freeze (ethylene glycol), which is highly toxic to dogs and cats. Cats are particularly attracted by the sweet taste.

- + Make sure you store anti-freeze away from pets
- + Clean up spills immediately and keep your pet away from the area until it is safe
- + Check your car isn't leaking coolant
- + Dispose of anti freeze and water coolant safely

If your pet does ingest anti-freeze they need emergency treatment from your vet – get them there as soon as possible.