

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

In this edition **we look at:** Easter Opening Hours, Nurse Clinics, Fleas, Ticks and Worms, Spring Pet Hazards and Seasonal Pet Allergies.

New Email Address

We have recently updated our practice email address, should you prefer to contact us via email - please send to reception@crossriggsvets.co.uk

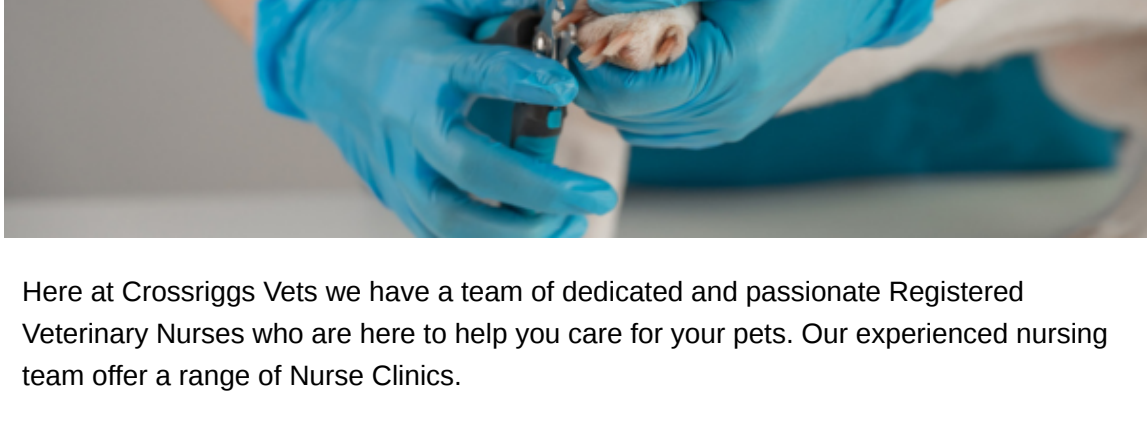
Easter Opening Hours

We are closed on Bank Holiday Monday, otherwise open as normal.

Emergency Care

Please call the usual number on 01290420255 and press 1 for emergencies or call Vets Now directly on 01563257114.

Nurse Clinics



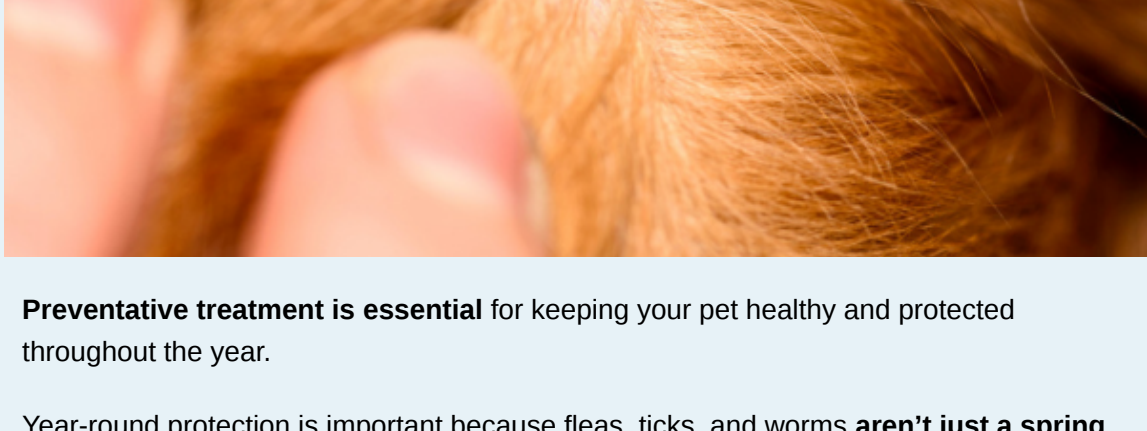
Here at Crossriggs Vets we have a team of dedicated and passionate Registered Veterinary Nurses who are here to help you care for your pets. Our experienced nursing team offer a range of Nurse Clinics.

Our Nurse Clinic appointments include:

- 6-Monthly VIP checks for pets on [Pet Health Plan](#)
- Senior pet clinics
- Weight management clinics
- Express Anal Glands
- Nail clipping
- Pre-operative checks
- Stitch removal and post-operative wound care
- Microchipping
- Second vaccinations
- Monthly prescribed injections

For more information or to **book a nurse clinic appointment**, please call 01290420255.

Fleas, Ticks and Worms



Preventative treatment is essential for keeping your pet healthy and protected throughout the year.

Year-round protection is important because fleas, ticks, and worms **aren't just a spring problem**—they're a constant, year-round risk. These parasites can survive in many environments, including inside your home, and can cause discomfort, illness, and more serious health issues if left untreated.

Using regular preventative treatment helps you stay ahead of parasites and keep your pet protected — so you can enjoy your spring adventures.

Call us on 01290420255 to discuss the best treatment for your pet.

Our [Pet Health Plan](#) can help keep your pet protected

Monthly flea, tick and worm prevention for cats and dogs is included in our [Pet Health Plan](#).

For more information or to join the plan, please click the button below or call us on 01290420255.

Flystrike in Rabbits



Flystrike is a condition where **flies lay eggs on a rabbit's soiled, wet, or wounded fur**, usually around the rear. This causes large, painful wounds that, if left untreated, can be fatal.

How to ensure your rabbit is **protected** from flystrike:

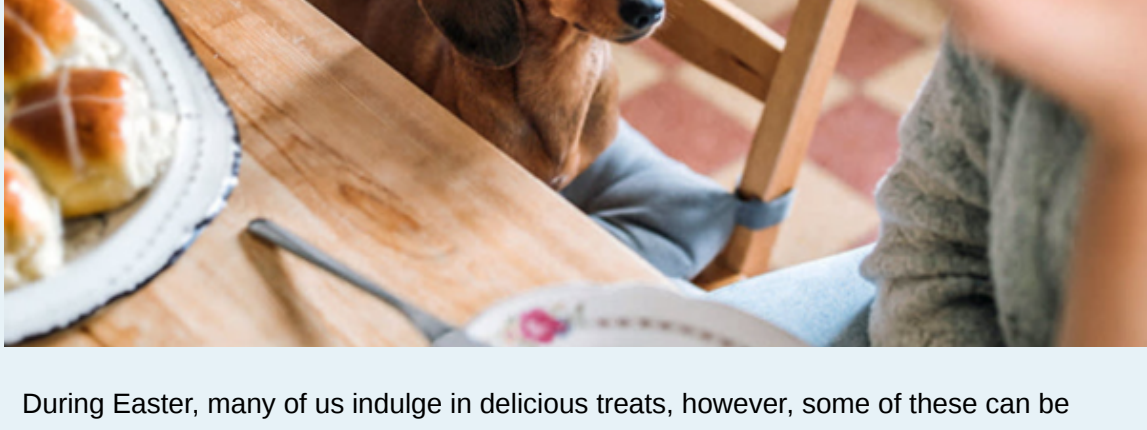
- **Keep your rabbit's environment clean.** Remove soiled bedding at least once daily. Using a pet-friendly disinfectant, clean your rabbits housing regularly.
- **Check your rabbit daily.** To spot early signs of fly strike you should check your rabbit daily for soiled fur or wounds. Focusing on the belly, tail and bottom areas, as these are where the droppings may accumulate.
- **Use fly repellent.** Fly screens can be used to help protect your rabbit's housing.

We can **recommend** topical preventative solutions, however, these do not replace the need for good husbandry. To discuss preventative solutions please call 01290420255.

Spring Pet Hazards

If you are concerned your pet has been poisoned by any of the below, please call us immediately on 01290420255.

Toxic Treats

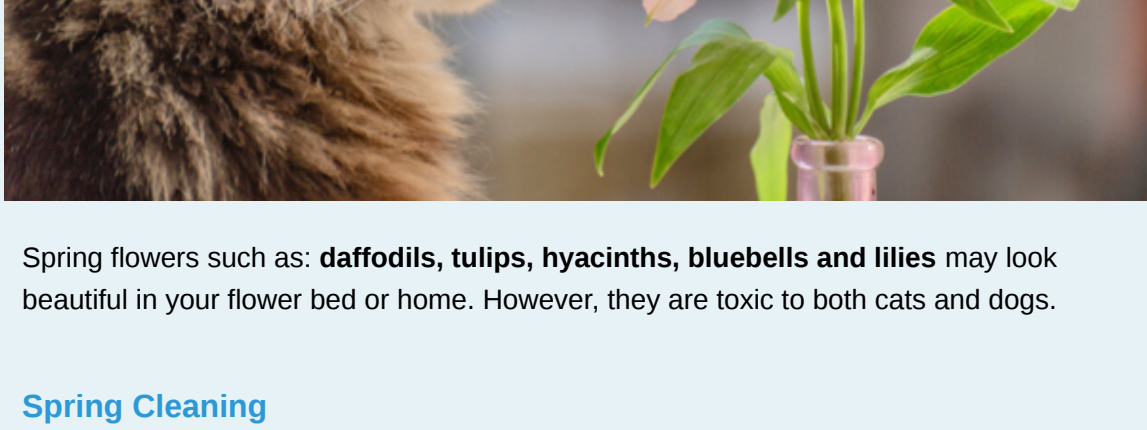


During Easter, many of us indulge in delicious treats, however, some of these can be **harmful** or even fatal to our pets.

Below are some tips to keep your furry friends safe during the Easter period:

- **Keep chocolate out of reach of pets**, particularly dogs. They will try their best to get to any chocolate lying around, so remember to keep it out of paw's reach.
- **If you're planning an Easter egg hunt**, keep it pet-friendly by checking that no chocolate or treats are left behind for curious paws to find.
- **Hot cross buns** are another Easter treat that can be harmful to our pets. They contain ingredients such as raisins, and dried sultanas which are toxic and can be fatal.

Harmful Plants



Spring flowers such as: **daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, bluebells and lilies** may look beautiful in your flower bed or home. However, they are toxic to both cats and dogs.

Spring Cleaning



Some of us use the bank holiday weekend to do a bit of spring cleaning. Don't forget that many cleaning products such as bleach and heavily scented disinfectants and diffusers can be **harmful** to nosey pets.

Spring is a good time to give your pet's belongings a deep clean to remove dirt and bacteria. It's important to remember to use **pet-safe** products at this point.

Seasonal Pet Allergies



Springtime allergies are not just a problem for people; they can also affect pets. To keep your furry friend healthy and comfortable, it's good to know the signs of springtime allergies in pets and how to treat them.

Symptoms

Itchy skin: Can cause our pets to scratch, bite, and lick themselves. This could lead to hot patches, skin infections, and hair loss.

Sneezing and coughing: This can be a result of an allergic reaction to pollen, dust, or other airborne allergens.

Runny nose and eyes: Your pet may be uncomfortable due to a discharge from their eyes and nose.

Ear infections: Ears can become itchy and inflamed due to allergies, leading to the development of bacterial or fungal infections.

Treatments

Your pet can enjoy the **spring season pain-free** with the correct care and treatment. Therefore, it's crucial to bring your pet to the practice for an evaluation if you think they may be experiencing springtime allergies.

Bathing: Regular bathing can help remove allergens from your pet's skin and coat. Use a pet-specific shampoo that is gentle on their skin and coat. Ensure to **clean your dog's paws** after walks to remove allergies or bacteria.

Diet: In some cases, a change in diet can help alleviate allergy symptoms. We may recommend a hypoallergenic diet that is free of common allergens.

Medications: We may advise antihistamines, steroids, or other drugs to treat the symptoms, depending on how severe the allergic symptoms are.

Need more information?

If you **want more information** or feel your pet may require veterinary care due to springtime allergies, please call us on 01290420255.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

We hope you and your pet have a happy and safe spring!

Best wishes,

The team at Crossriggs Vets