

Keep Your Pets Safe This Fall

Ready or not, Fall is officially here! This new season presents some potential health hazards for your dogs and cats. Listed below are just a few of the things that you should watch out for this season when it comes to keeping your pets safe.

Halloween Treats

Resisting the urge to indulge in a little bit of Halloween chocolate is nearly impossible for both people and pets alike. These sweet treats, however, can be very dangerous for your dog or cat. Chocolate produces the compound theobromine during digestion, which is processed very slowly in dogs and cats. Theobromine can accumulate in your pet's body if they eat a large amount of chocolate, resulting in serious complications. Small amounts of chocolate can cause diarrhea and vomiting in cats and dogs. Be sure to keep an eye on your pets when they are around the Halloween treats!



Mushrooms

Mushrooms and fungi tend to sprout in the fall in areas that many pets can reach, such as lawns, trees, and old stumps. Most mushrooms that are found in the city are not harmful to dogs and cats but, the few species of mushrooms that are toxic to pets cannot be easily distinguished from those that are harmless. We recommend that you remove any visible mushrooms from your yards; It is better to be safe than sorry!



Rat Poisons

Many people use rodenticides to keep unwelcomed mice and rats from taking cover in their homes from the cold. When using these products, be very careful to keep them out of your pet's reach, as they are fatal when consumed. If you suspect your pet has consumed rat poison, contact your veterinarian immediately.



Pet Insurance – We Have you Covered

Are you interested in getting pet insurance, but don't know where to begin looking for the right coverage? We can help with that! Our website (www.seasonsvetclinic.com) has a section that can help you decide if pet insurance is right for you and which plan is best for your pet's needs. You can also visit consumersadvocate.org or petinsuranceinfo.com to find and compare the best priced insurance options. Trupanion® is an insurance company that is currently offering one month of free coverage for your pet within 24 hours of an exam. Call or email us if you have any questions about this offer or visit Trupanion.ca for more information.

Blood Work Promotion Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that we have a fall blood work promotion running until October 31st. Take advantage of 50% savings on our in-house CBC and Comprehensive Chemistry panels, which are being offered for \$36.50 and \$47.50, respectively. No exam fee will be applied for existing clients. A \$25 blood collection fee per pet does apply. Feel free to call or email us if you have any questions about blood work or if you would like to book your pet's blood test. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Trivia Time!

The first person to phone in with the correct answer to the following question wins a gift card to IHOP! The second person to phone in wins a gift card to Jugo Juice!



Kennel cough has been very prevalent in Winnipeg over the last few weeks. What is the name of both the virus and the bacteria that can cause this illness in dogs?