

Paws on Patrol—Patrollers Newsletter

December 2015

Keep your Dog Safe This Christmas!

As we start the Christmas preparations, bringing new plants into the house for decoration, we must take care that we don't bring in something that potentially could be harmful to our dogs.

Live Christmas trees can cause problems if your pooch picks up pine needles in their paws. Try to choose a tree that does not shed its needles or keep them away altogether. Chocolates hanging on the tree can be dangerous if they are attracted to them and eat them.

Holly is poisonous to dogs and a small amount can make them quite sick. Mistletoe is highly toxic and can lead to sickness, heart problems, breathing difficulties and nerve damage. Ivy and Poinsettias can also cause sickness if eaten by dogs.

Much of the Christmas food we enjoy can be harmful to dogs and can cause vomiting and diarrhoea. Food to avoid include chocolate, raisins, currants, sultanas, grapes, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, blue cheese, onions, garlic, leeks and shallots. Rich food and alcohol can be harmful and should be avoided. Turkey, goose and chicken bones can easily splinter when cooked and can cause an obstruction and irritation to the gut.

Dogs love to join in the fun and help their owners undo the wrapping on presents but small toys and parts can cause obstructions if swallowed as can chewed up paper. Tinsel and glass or plastic baubles can cause obstruction and choking so please keep decorations out of reach.

With all the excitement of Christmas, try to keep your pet's routine as near to normal as possible.—an early morning walk should be enough to take the edge off the excitement.

Heroes

Is your dog a hero? Do you have a story to share? If so, please write your story and send it by post to Paws on Patrol Christmas Heroes, Community Safety Team, Herbert Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EQ by Friday 8th January 2016 or by email: cdpartnership@gloucester.gov.uk. Please ensure that you include the name and breed of your hero and enclose a photo if at all possible.

The prizes below will be delivered to the Patrollers with the best entries.

Don't delay—get writing today!



**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All Patrollers and their Pooches
From Ace, Holly and the
Paws on Patrol Team!**

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Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!

Well done to all our Patrollers who have reported matters of concern to the Police and Council—you are all helping to make Gloucester a better and safer place to live.

Let's make 2016 a record year for Patrollers' membership and reports. Do you have a friend who is not yet a Patroller? Please encourage them to join—just log on to www.safergloucester.co.uk and download a form.



Christmas Photos

Whilst you are enjoying your Christmas celebrations, take a happy photo of your pooch to share with other Patrollers. We have received some fabulous photos of our pets in previous years so let's see if we can beat them all.



Yellow Ribbon Scheme

If you see a dog wearing a yellow neckerchief or with a yellow ribbon on its lead, it means that this dog needs some space,

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- They are a pup in training
- They are a rescue dog being rehabilitated
- They are a female dog in season
- They are unwell
- They are old and grumpy
- They are recovering from surgery
- They have had a bad experience with another dog
- They may be nervous or shy

Please do not approach such a dog or its people with your dog. Please maintain a respectable distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

Thank You

Yellow Dog owners appreciate your help and respect! You can get your FREE Yellow Ribbon from www.YELLOWDOGUK.co.uk

Happy Christmas!

A Happy Christmas to all our members and very best wishes for the New Year.

Please remember to keep an eye on any vulnerable or elderly neighbours who may just need a little assistance throughout the winter months especially in snow, frost, rain or wind as we have had in recent years.

