



WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Christmas is fast approaching and 2018 seems to have flown past, the glorious and seemingly endless summer days now a dim and distant memory.

The NARCH committee would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We hope that you will all be able to spend a relaxing time with your family and friends and of course, your four-legged friends.

Remember to protect your pets against Christmas hazards, as a reminder here are a few of the potential Christmas hazards that are worth highlighting:

- Routine – try to keep your dog's exercise routine as close to normal as you are able. Long walks may be what we enjoy on Boxing Day, but over-walking our dogs can lead to injuries or set-backs.
- Do not feed your dog immediately before or after you take them for a walk. This could cause gastric torsion (bloat) which requires immediate surgical intervention to save the dog's life.
- Poisons – chocolate, grapes, raisins, sultanas, sweetcorn husks, some nuts, liquorice and avocado pears – all can be harmful to dogs. Christmas greenery, like mistletoe, holly and poinsettias are also toxic.
- Christmas Trees – lights, decorations, tinsel and sharp pine needles are all potential

hazards. Dogs could try to play with, or chew their way through electrical wiring.

- Rich food at Christmas time can be tantalising for dogs if left within their reach – remember that the bones of your turkey, cooked or uncooked, represent a choke hazard as they splinter.

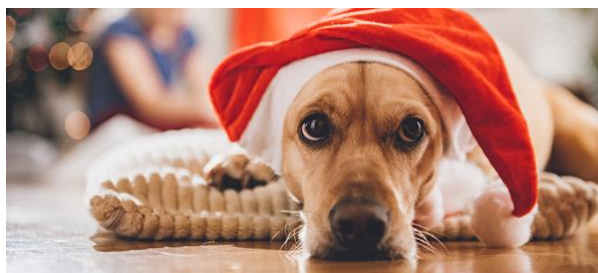
- Don't forget, if it snows your dog's paws can be affected by snow causing sore pads.

Also be very aware of the residual effects of antifreeze on the roads – highly poisonous to dogs and fatal

- Dog chews – please exercise care when giving your dog some of the chews and imitation bones that are currently on the market. Some of these are hazardous and are made from highly suspect ingredients which have been subjected to chemical processes.

NARCH Education Seminar held at the Holiday Inn Guildford on October 7th 2018

We had the highest number of delegates attending this year and the feedback forms were very complimentary regarding all of our speakers.

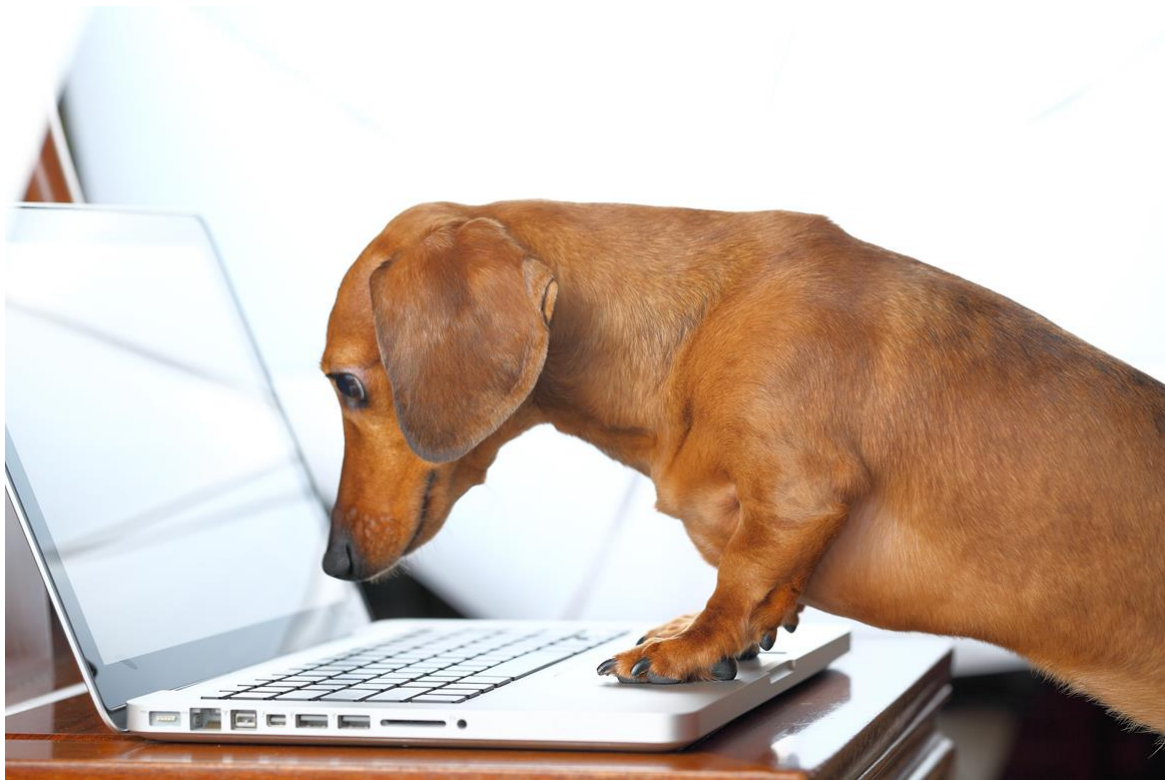


Angela Griffiths provided us with a sobering talk addressing welfare issues within canine hydrotherapy. Her talk covered some of the bad practices that are occurring within the hydrotherapy industry today. NARCH registered hydrotherapists need to be vigilant and ensure that they maintain the highest levels of hydrotherapy treatment at all times.

Veerle Dejonckheere spoke about stress and rehabilitation and we then had a talk by a member of the Metropolitan Police Dog Support Unit. We were given a live demonstration by a police search dog, who successfully found a hidden object in the conference room.

The day was concluded by an in depth talk on water treadmill techniques and best practice which was delivered by Dr Susanna Alwen.

FINAL REMINDER – IS YOUR NARCH RECORD and CPD RECORD UP TO DATE?



This is your final reminder to ensure your NARCH record is up to date. Check that you have uploaded 20 hours CPD for 2018 which has been validated by NARCH.

Please do not leave the uploading of your CPD to the last day of the year!

If you first registered with NARCH during 2018, your CPD requirement will be pro-rated for the remainder of the year. If you require clarification please go to the NARCH website and check the [Resource Library](#) tab where you will find the [CPD](#) guidance document. E-mail the NARCH administrator enquiries@narch.org.uk if you need further assistance.

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The NARCH logo should only be used to signify that you are a Registered Canine Hydrotherapist (RCH).

In the same way, use of the post nominal letters “RCH” after a hydrotherapist’s name, signifies that the person has met the registration and professional

qualification requirements set by NARCH and has been formally accepted by NARCH to appear on the NARCH register of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists.

We have seen an increase in centres and individuals not connected to NARCH using the NARCH logo on their website, social media and /or signage and this is therefore a breach of Trading Standards as it is potentially misleading to the reader. Additionally, hydrotherapists not registered with NARCH, are using the post nominal letters “RCH” after their name, which again is misleading to the reader and is a breach of Trading Standards.

Should any RCHs become aware of misuse of the NARCH logo or letters RCH, they should contact [NARCH](#) directly so that we can check and deal with the matter through the correct channels.

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