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## Newsletter – January 2016

### News

**\*\*WARNING\*\*** palm oil has been spotted on North coast beaches including Rock and Polzeath beach. Sea currents cause all sorts of rubbish to wash up on our beaches, including palm oil which is dangerous for dogs to ingest and sometimes fatal. If you think your dog might have eaten palm oil please call the surgery asap, and be very careful on the beach.



### Winter Weather

This winter has been remarkably mild, if somewhat wet! However the weather is due to get colder, so make sure your pets stay happy. Older dogs can start to suffer more from arthritic pain. Unlike humans, they will not grumble or cry out, but slowing down, limping, unwillingness to walk, jump or climb can all be indicators of pain. If arthritis is affecting more than one limb, they may not be able to limp, so if you are

unsure, please get your pet checked by one of our lovely vets.



### Severe Elbow arthritis

Outdoor cats will benefit from insulated beds; these can easily be home-made.



Give paws a thought for less obvious winter issues. When it gets cold many of us use de-icer, which often leaks onto the ground. This can prove deadly to pets, so it is worth wiping down their legs and paws after being outside. Extreme cold, as well as salt and grit used on the road, can irritate your pet too so when you wipe paws also check for cracks and bleeding.



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