

## Anti-Freeze Poisoning

The time of year has come when many of us are using anti-freeze in our cars. Most anti-freeze contain a chemical called ethylene glycol. This is said to be sweet and animals like to drink or lick it from the floor after spillages or dripping. This can be fatal. One teaspoon is enough to kill a cat.



Immediate veterinary treatment is required as your pet can die within twenty four hours and if not treated within a few hours of ingestion there is a serious chance of permanent kidney damage, usually fatal. Signs to look out for are:

- Drooling
- Depression
- Vomiting
- Evidence of green fluid around paws/base of tail due to the dye.
- Wobbly
- Head tremors
- Increased thirst

Your pet may appear to recover but a day later may be unwilling to eat. Prevention is key.

- Watch for leaks in your car
- Keep pets away from where anti-freeze is stored
- Be careful not to spill anti-freeze as cats may walk through it and lick it off their paws.

- Dispose of waste properly
- Choose an anti-freeze that does not contain ethylene glycol.

If you think your pet may have had contact with ethylene glycol contact us immediately.

## VHD 2

VHD2 is a relatively new strain of the rabbit haemorrhagic disease. It is highly contagious and the virus often shows few or no symptoms and kills the rabbit quickly and suddenly. Vaccination is very effective.

There are two vaccinations that we offer for rabbits. VHD1 and myxomatosis combined vaccine and the VHD2 which is a separate vaccine that can be administered 2 weeks after the VHD1 and Myxomatosis. Both of these vaccines are required annually to maintain protection.



## Walkies & Pet2Vet

We are excited to recommend a new service for our clients - Walkies & Pet2Vet. If your pet requires 24 hour veterinary care and transportation is difficult, they can provide transfers of your pet between us and CVets Emergency Veterinary Surgery. During our working hours, they can provide a

collection from your home to the vet appointment. Their van is fully equipped with cages to offer security, safety and comfort for your pet.

Charges:

St Ives to CVets £30

St Ives to CVets and back £50

Also offered is dog walking and doggy day care. Their telephone number is 07855 433656.

For more information, visit their website: [walkiespet2vet.co.uk](http://walkiespet2vet.co.uk)



## Weight Clinics

We all know how easy it is to put on weight over the cold winter months. This is the same for our pets. Extra treats and not as much exercise due to weather conditions can result in the extra pounds creeping on.

If you are concerned about your pets weight, would like to discuss diet or just want to check your pets body condition please book a FREE nurse weight consultation. Nurse clinics run Monday-Friday from 09.30-10.00 and 14.00-14.40.