



RESEARCH USING SAVSNET DATA

CHOCOLATE TOXICITY

USING CONSULT DATA TO REVIEW CHOCOLATE EXPOSURE

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TOXICITY

Chocolate has long been recognised as, and remains, a common cause of intoxication in dogs

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STUDY

Data collected from 229 UK vet practices taking part in SAVSNET over five years

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SEASONALITY

Chocolate exposure was most notably recorded at Christmas (OR=4.74, CI 3.04 to 7.40, P<0.001)

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AGE OF DOG

Chocolate exposure was significantly less common in old dogs (OR=0.42, CI 0.31 to 0.56, P<0.001)

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TAKE ACTION

Owners need to be extra vigilant over Christmas and ensure that chocolate is kept away from their dogs

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AND THANK YOU

Thank you to all participating veterinary practices for making this work possible. The findings can be highlighted to owners to raise awareness over the festive period