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## 🐾 Walt's Story – And a Food Warning for Pet Owners 🥦🍌

Summer brings long evenings, garden picnics, and BBQs — but it also brings one of the busiest seasons for unexpected vet visits.

Recently, we met **Walt**, a lovely dog brought in after a couple of days of **vomiting, lethargy, and loss of appetite**. His owners knew something wasn't quite right. Following examination and diagnostic imaging, we discovered the culprit: Walt had swallowed a **corn on the cob**.

While corn might seem harmless, the **cob itself is indigestible** and can cause **serious intestinal blockages** (see x-ray picture highlighted yellow)



## ⚠️ Common BBQ & Picnic Hazards for Dogs:

- **Corn cobs** – Can lodge in the stomach or intestines
- **Cooked bones** – Brittle and splinter easily, risking perforation
- **Skewers** – Sharp and dangerous if swallowed whole
- **Sausages, burgers & fatty foods** – Can trigger **pancreatitis**
- **Alcohol, onions, grapes & chocolate** – All toxic to dogs

Even the compost bin or the garden scraps pile can pose hidden dangers.

## 👁️ What to Watch Out For:

If your dog shows signs of vomiting/diarrhoea/inappetence or abdominal discomfort chat to you vet immediately.

## ✅ How to Prevent Summer Snacking Mishaps:

- Keep BBQ scraps out of reach — including the bin!
- Supervise dogs around picnic areas, food and skewers
- Remind guests not to “treat” pets with leftovers

Walt's story had a happy ending — surgery was successful, and he made a great recovery. But not all pets are so lucky. If you're ever in doubt ring!



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### Consulting times Vets Branches

Tunbridge Wells 018926520296	Monday-Friday 9am-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, 5-6:30pm Saturday 8:30am-12pm
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## Our Crowborough Branch is Now a Silver Cat Friendly Clinic!

 We're thrilled to announce that **Culverden Vets Crowborough** has been awarded **Silver Cat Friendly Clinic status** by the International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM)!

This accreditation recognises the work we've done to make our practice a calmer, safer, and more comfortable place for our feline friends — because we know that a trip to the vet can be especially stressful for cats.

## What Does "Cat Friendly" Mean?

At a Cat Friendly Clinic, you can expect:

- **Quieter waiting areas** or separate cat zones to minimise stress
- **Feline-friendly handling** by a team trained in gentle, respectful techniques.
- **Pheromone diffusers, soft bedding, and cosy carriers** to help cats feel secure

## Building Work completed in Wadhurst:

We moved back into our new extended Wadhurst branch! We now have added an extra evening consult every week. We will be open in Wadhurst until 7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.



New facilities:

- A second consulting room, so that you can always stay with your animal.
- Animal x-ray facilities so that more investigations can be performed at Wadhurst.
- New dental facilities including dental x-ray.
- A larger waiting room with a dedicated separate cat waiting area.
- Separate cat friendly cat ward.
- More dog kennel spaces including a large walk-in kennel.
- A larger in-house laboratory to provide you more in-house results.
- A new purpose-built operating theatre.
- Extra car parking spaces for clients.



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