



Holiday Tips For Pet Safety

- Party favors, such as noisemakers and confetti can be dangerous. Confetti ingested wreaks havoc on the digestive tract.
- Noisemakers can frighten your pet, threatening its sense of well-being, causing it to bolt out an open door, window or hide in a precarious place in search of safety.
- Don't leave candles or Christmas lights unattended. Pets are attracted to bright light.
- Use Bitter Apple and encase cords and electrical plugs in PVC tubing to deter and prevent chewing.
- Be sure to hang your delicate ornaments higher on the Christmas tree. Beware of tinsel, which can cause intestinal obstruction and other problems.
- Replace metal ornament hooks with tightly knotted fabric ribbons, lightweight twine or yarn to slip easily over the branches of the tree.
- Animals have highly sensitive noses. Watch those hot containers filled with meat drippings. Pets can easily tip them over and be severely injured.
- Don't feed your animals human food, such as ham, turkey or the drippings. Human food and seasonings are too rich for their digestive systems, and an animal can become ill easily and can cause additional health problems as well as problems with their eating habits.
- Please don't feed your pets bones. **BONES ARE DANGEROUS!** Poultry bones, which splinter easily are particularly dangerous and can cause pain, even death.
- Don't leave candy out. Keep all candy and wrappers in a secure place. Animals love sweets, especially chocolate, which is toxic to cats. The foil wraps on candies can cause internal injury.
- Many seasonal plants are poisonous—poinsettias, ivy, holly (berries and leaves), mistletoe, balsam, juniper, cedar, pine, fir and hibiscus can cause vomiting, diarrhea and death, depending on the age and size of your pet. These are real health hazards. If you are an animal lover who has allergies or feel a house pet isn't appropriate for you for the long term; consider fostering or a gift sponsorship.