



## Pet Safety Tips to Consider During the Holiday Season...

Please make sure your pets do **NOT** have any access to the following foods:

Gravy/Grease

Chocolate/Coffee/Tea

Alcohol

Uncooked meat, fish, and poultry

Bones from meat, fish, and poultry

(Rawhides, Kong toys, and hardened, sterilized bones would be better alternatives)

Tobacco products

Uncooked yeast dough

Grapes & raisins

Artificial sweeteners

Macadamia nuts

- Keep plastic wrap and foil that may have juices on it from cooking away from your pet.

- Meat soaked strings from rump roasts also need to be kept away.
- Put all food away immediately and pet-proof your garbage.

#### Extra Tip:

- Feed your pet before guests arrive so your pet is less likely to beg for or steal food.

#### Poisonous Plants:

Holly (leaves & berries)

Mistletoe

Hibiscus

Poinsettias

#### Harmful Decorations:

Glitter

Ribbon

Yarn

String

Adhesives & Glue

Potpourri

Candles

Tablecloths & Table runners (tug of war!)

## Gifts that Should **NOT** be Placed Under the Christmas Tree:

Perfumes & After-shaves  
Batteries

- Remember to remove all wrapping on gifts for pets before you give it to them.

## Christmas Trees:

- Make sure the tree is securely attached to a stable tree stand.
- Supervise your pets when they are in the room where your tree is located.
- Make sure they are not eating branches or tree needles.
- Tinsel is toxic!
- Angel hair, flocking, and artificial snow are mildly toxic as well.
- Electrical cords – unplug lights when you're not there to supervise, use pet-proof extension cords, and spray cords with a deterrent such as Bitter Apple or Chew Stop if necessary.
- Place ornaments that are shiny or could be swallowed or broken high up on your tree.
- Don't decorate your tree with food – that's just disaster waiting to happen!

- Don't let your pets drink the water in the tree stand - use a tree stand skirt to prevent access.
- Make accommodations for your pets in advance if you are planning to travel.

### Visitors:

- Plan for how your pets will react to visitors.
- Offer a quiet space away from the commotion for your pet with food, water, and familiar toy.
- Brush up on obedience training and alert visitors about household rules and any problem behaviors.
- You may consider placing your pet in a separate room...using baby gates for dogs, having them stay at a friend, neighbor, or family member's house for the duration of the party, or boarding.
- Make sure your pets are not exposed to the many cleaning products we use to spiff up our homes for visitors during the holidays.
- Make sure your visitors know you have a pet. If they do, consider using de-allergens such as Allerpet to decrease pet dander.

