

Holiday Warnings

You can help keep pets safe during the holiday season by following these tips.

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- * Many holiday plants can lead to health problems in dogs and cats. Among the plants to keep out of reach are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies.
- * Snow globes often contain antifreeze, which is poisonous to pets.
- * Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.
- * The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.
- * Do not let pets drink the holiday tree water. Some may contain fertilizers and preservatives. ~Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.~
- * Pets, particularly cats, can be tempted to eat tinsel and other ornaments, which can block the intestines. Hang tinsel high and securely to keep it out of reach of pets.
- * Put away toys after children open their gifts. Small plastic pieces and rubber balls are common causes of choking and intestinal blockage in dogs. Ingested plastic or cloth toys must often be removed surgically.
- * Keep candles on high shelves. Use fireplace screens to avoid burns.
- * Holiday guests and other activity can be very stressful and even frightening to pets. It can also trigger illness and intestinal upset. Make sure pets have a safe place to retreat in your house. And make sure they are wearing current I.D. in case they escape out a door when guests come and go.
- * Do not let guests feed your pets human food. There are many holiday foods, including fatty meats, gravies, poultry skin, bones, chocolate and alcohol, that can cause illnesses from vomiting and diarrhea to highly serious pancreatitis and other toxic reactions. In addition, candy wrappers, aluminum foil pieces and ribbons can choke pets. Keep pets away from the garbage.
- * If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, call your veterinarian and/or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-888-4-ANI-HELP.