

8 PET SAFETY TIPS

for the Holidays

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Oh, Christmas Tree

Secure your tree to the wall so that curious cats or daring dogs don't knock it over. If you opt for a live tree, be sure to cover up the tree stand since drinking from it can be deadly.

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Dangerous Décor

Toss out the tinsel, which can cause severe damage to your pet's intestinal tract if ingested. Opt for plastic or wood ornaments over glass baubles, which can break and cause injury.

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Careful with Candles

Keep menorahs and all lit candles out of reach so that pets don't burn themselves or knock them over. Play it safe and use LED candles instead.



Mystery Gifts

Holiday gift baskets often contain toxic foods like raisins, chocolate, and grapes. Be sure to check the ingredients of every item as soon as it arrives.

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Wrap it Up

Keep pets out of the room while wrapping gifts. Paper, ribbons, and tape can all cause intestinal blockages. Be cautious about leaving wrapped gifts under the tree.

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Kiss the Mistletoe Goodbye

If ingested, mistletoe can cause a dangerous drop in blood pressure. Other holiday plants to avoid: holly, poinsettia, amaryllis, and lilies. Try artificial versions, which look just as festive.

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Escape Artists

Pets can easily slip through an open door when greeting guests. Keep them in a crate or closed-off room. Make sure they are microchipped and wearing an up-to-date ID tag.

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Hold the Liquor

Keep all alcohol away from pets and clean up spills right away. In small quantities, it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, and labored breathing. In larger quantities, it can be deadly.