

Winter Holiday Pet Tips

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Mistle-no's

Holiday plants – such as poinsettia, mistletoe, holly, amaryllis, cyclamen, and lilies – are poisonous to pets.



Naughty table scraps

Keep the festive fare – such as chocolates, raisins, grapes, onions, and fatty foods – out of your pet's reach.



Take out the trash

One man's trash is another pet's treasure! Take out the trash after the holiday fun so table scraps don't become your pet's second dinner.



Raise your glasses!

Keep alcoholic drinks off the floor or low tables where pets can easily lap them up.



Fire hazards

Make sure candles or lamps are inaccessible, and never leave your pet unattended with a burning candle.



Decoration discretion

Snacking on tinsel, ribbon, and other decorative string can cause intestinal blockage, so be cautious of where you hang or place any decorations.



Tree safety

Anchor your tree securely and keep the water in your tree stand covered so your pet doesn't sneak a drink!



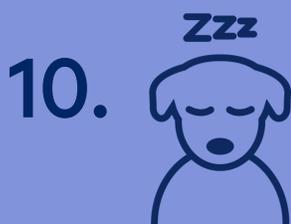
Don't let sparks fly!

Keep dangling cords behind furniture to prevent your pet from playing or chewing on them.



Keep pills out of reach

House guests not only bring gifts, but often bring their medications as well. Inform your guests to keep unattended bags zipped and medications out of your pet's reach.



Create a calm space

Some pets get anxious from all the visitors and festivities. Give them a quiet, safe space to relax during the night.



Soundproof the home

Holiday fireworks can be scary for your pet. Consider closing windows and playing soft music to keep your pet calm.



Check the chip

In case your pet escapes amidst the holiday commotion, make sure they're wearing their ID tag and your contact information is up to date for their microchip.