

Celebrate with Care this Holiday

For the Health and Safety of Your Pets, Please Don't "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!"



- Holly, the Christmas rose, poinsettias, and mistletoe are toxic.
- Ornament fragments can perforate the stomach.
- Frayed or chewed holiday light and electrical cords can shock or burn your pet.
- Artificial snow, snow globe "water" and liquid potpourri are poisonous.
- Batteries are easily swallowed.
- Tempting ribbons, bows, strings, and tinsel can lodge in your pet's intestine and require surgery.
- Curious cats and swishing dog tails can topple lit candles.

Sharing Holiday Time with Friends & Family is Fun, But the Heightened Activity May Stress Out Your Pet.

- If your pet is anxious or nervous meeting new people, don't force them to socialize with visitors, especially enthusiastic children.
- Supervise all interactions and provide a quiet, retreat for your pet to hide and relax during the most boisterous festivities.
- Be mindful of open doors and stressed pets itching to escape.
- Make sure your pets have collars, tags and microchips.

Most pets spend the majority of their time indoors and cannot tolerate extremely cold weather.

- Don't leave pets outdoors unattended when temperatures drop below freezing.
- Small dogs with short coats are especially vulnerable to cold and may not tolerate any outdoor exercise in extreme cold.
- Cats prefer to spend winter indoors and should not be let out in bitter cold weather.
- Cats often crawl into car engines for warmth – a dangerous spot when the car is started.
- Antifreeze, ingested in even small quantities, can cause irreversible and fatal kidney failure. Clean spills immediately and don't let your dog drink from any toilets winterized with antifreeze.



Happy Holidays from:

