

Christmas Pet Safety

During the exciting holiday season, it's easy to get wrapped up in all the activities and celebrations. Don't forget to take precautions to protect your pet from holiday dangers during Christmas!

Christmas Trees & Decorations

Your tree is beautiful and smells amazing, now it's time to decorate. Here's how to trim the tree with your pet's safety in mind.

- Tinsel can get caught up in your animal's intestine's – keep it towards the top or skip altogether.
- Ornaments can shatter or pose a choking hazard, so avoid placing them on lower branches.
- To keep your pet away from the tree, place foil or plastic bottles filled with knick knacks around the bottom of the tree trunk and branches. Your pet won't like the noise and you'll be able to hear when your naughty fur baby is getting into the tree.
- If your pet is a chewer, keep the string lights out of their reach as well so they don't accidentally get shocked.
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are all quite poisonous to pets. They're pretty and festive, but it's best to keep these out of your house if you have animals.
- Cranberry and popcorn garlands, as well as candy canes, are just too tempting for your pet to chew on. Avoid using these in your decorations.



Food

- Desserts in general are to be avoided. Food high in sugar, fats, and carbs will give your pets a serious tummy ache.
- Ham, turkey and other delicious holiday dishes are typically high in fat. The main danger with feeding your pet scraps is pancreatitis.

Gift Ideas

- Donations make excellent Christmas gifts for pet lovers! You can make a gift in your loved one's honor or even purchase a gift certificate for them to use to micro-chip or vaccinate their pet!
- We strongly recommend against giving pets as surprise gifts during the holiday season.