

Hannukah 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 Hannukah!

Dangerous Foods

- Onions are poisonous to both cats and dogs, so that means no sharing your latkes with the pet! In addition, anything fried and high in fat content can cause significant gastrointestinal distress for your pet.
- Keep your counter sniffer out of the kitchen while you're making challah or sufganiyot. If your pet ingests raw dough, it could rise inside of their stomachs and require emergency veterinary attention.
- Desserts in general are to be avoided. Food high in sugar, fats, and carbs will give your pets a serious tummy ache.
- Chocolate coins need to be kept far away from your pets, as chocolate is poisonous to both cats and dogs.
- Brisket and other delicious holiday dishes are typically high in fat. The main danger with feeding your pet scraps is pancreatitis.

Decorations

- Dreidels and other small objects are choking hazards, while the candles on the menorah can get knocked over by a nosy fur baby. Keep your pets well away from decorations, toys and gifts during the holiday season.



Guests

- Make sure to let your guests know not to feed your pets scraps from the table – better yet, let them know why!
- If you have guests coming to visit for the holidays, be aware that this may be stressful for your pet. Keep them away from the door when people are arriving to prevent them from running out. As a precaution, we recommend you microchip your pet and make sure they have a collar with ID tags.

Gift Ideas

- Donations make excellent Hannukah 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!