

Thanksgiving Safety

This fall feast means stuffing yourself with great food and surrounding yourself with friends and family. Your pets are definitely a part of your family, but the Thanksgiving meal can present a number of dangers to your pet – here are a few to watch out for.

Turkey

- You might think properly cooked meat would be fine to give to your cat or dog in any situation, but to be safe it is best to avoid giving your pet turkey.
- The skin of your holiday turkey is high in fat, which can cause pancreatitis, and seasoning, which can give your animal indigestion. A tiny amount of boneless turkey meat is ok, but skin is definitely a no-no.
- Dogs love bones, but poultry bones are brittle and can easily break, lodging in your pet's throat. Chew toys are a much better choice to give to your dog.

Other Poisonous Foods to Watch Out For

- Yeast dough
- Raisins or grapes
- Onions
- Xylitol (sweetener found in baked goods)
- Chocolate
- Pie filling – too much sugar!
- Raw eggs or meat
- Alcohol

The best way to keep your pet safe is to keep them well away from the dining table, kitchen and garbage bins!



Holiday Guests

- Make sure to instruct your guests not to feed your pets food from the table – even better, let them know why!

Pumpkin

- While not many holiday delights are safe for pets, pumpkin is actually great for them! Pure, canned pumpkin (not pie filling) is a low-calorie, nutrient-packed treat for both cats and dogs that is filling and tasty!

Decorations

- Keep your pet away from floral arrangements, potpourri, candles, and other potential dangers. Give your pets plenty of toys to distract them from getting into trouble.