

Preventative holiday care tips for pets



Create a safe environment for your pet

Lacerations are another reason why pet owners pay the vet a visit during the holidays. Not all pets get along, and if you find yourself struggling to ask your guests to leave their furry companion at home, avoid territorial disputes by utilizing closed doors or crates, and even explore a pet introduction before the big day.



Be mindful of decorations

Just like small children, pets are notorious for ingesting foreign objects. Make sure that things like bows, balloons, wrapping paper and any non-edible items are not accessible to your pets.



No people food

Symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea can be signs of a severely upset stomach, one of the most common ailments pets can experience during the holidays. Ask visitors not to give food to your pets without permission, and block pets from helping themselves by keeping food out of reach.



Watch your glasses

Be careful about where you keep your glass, or open bottles, cocktails, and other similar beverages. Pets should never be allowed to drink alcohol. If your pet ingests alcohol, this can quickly lead to respiratory problems and could require treatment by an emergency vet.



Pet-friendly treats only

Most holidays aren't complete without chocolate or dessert, and while almost all pet owners know not to feed them to their pets, small children may not be as mindful. It's important to keep in mind that chocolate toxicity increases the darker the chocolate gets and the smaller the dog.

