

## Not-So Holly Jolly

# Holiday Hazards

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season means an increased potential for problems with your pet's health and happiness. Watch out for these potential pet concerns to keep spirits bright.



### OH, CHRISTMAS TREE

Timber! Keep your tree securely upright to protect your climbing cat or excited dog. Clean up pine needles frequently, and use a tight-fitting tree skirt to restrict your pet's access to the tree's water. Both can be harmful if consumed!



### RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Fireworks, poppers, and champagne make for an exciting New Year celebration for humans, but your pet might feel otherwise. Keep them relaxed by providing a quiet room with a fan, TV, or music playing to create white noise.



### TINSEL, RIBBONS, AND BOWS, OH MY

Consumed, broken, or chewed decorations can cause serious health problems, so keep tinsel, ornaments, and wrapping paper out of reach and tuck string light cords out of sight.



### PARTY PEOPLE

Lots of unfamiliar faces and loud talking can stress your pets out. Exercise your dog beforehand and give them a special chew toy to keep them distracted. If they still seem stressed, put them in a quiet room away from all the commotion. Cats will probably hide all on their own.

**FOREIGN BODY INGESTION CLAIMS FOR CATS INCREASE BY 14% IN DECEMBER.**



### POISONOUS PLANTS

Decking the halls with boughs of holly (and mistletoe and poinsettias) may bring the holiday spirit, but if your pet ingests any of these plants, they can get very sick. Keep these holiday plants away from paws' reach or opt for artificial plants instead.



### FESTIVE FOOD FIASCOS

It's best to keep your cat or dog on their regular diet during the holidays, but you can mix some pet safe human food in with their regular meal for a special treat. Check with your veterinarian for a full list of foods that are pet safe.

**TRUPANION SEES 2.5 TIMES MORE CHOCOLATE TOXICITY CLAIMS IN DECEMBER THAN THE REST OF THE YEAR.**



### CANDLE CALAMITY

Keep Menorah and other candles far enough away from pets that they can't knock them over and potentially start a fire. Consider choosing electric candles instead; flameless candles flicker just like the real thing, but without the fire risk.

#### KEEP AWAY FROM PETS:

- Chocolate
- Fatty food, like gravy
- Spicy food
- Cooked bones
- Alcoholic beverages

#### SAFE TO EAT:

- Pumpkin
- Peanut butter
- Sweet potato
- Carrot
- Green beans



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