



# 'Tis the Season for PET SAFETY TIPS!

## COOKIES AND CANDY

Consumption of chocolate can cause agitation, vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate, tremors, seizures and even death.

## MACADAMIA NUTS AND WALNUTS

These nuts can cause severe lethargy, increased body temperature, vomiting, tremors, joint stiffness and the inability to walk.

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Tinsel, ribbon and similar decorations can cut up the digestive tract and cause intestinal obstruction. Ornaments should be kept off low-lying Christmas tree branches.

## LIGHTS AND CANDLES

If your pet can reach them, they may be a fire hazard if knocked over.

## ALCOHOL

Alcoholic drinks may cause vomiting, disorientation, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma and seizures.

## GRAPES, RAISINS, AVOCADOS, ONIONS AND GARLIC

These can cause lethargy, lack of appetite and vomiting.

## ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS

Sugarless gum and artificially sweetened treats may cause vomiting, lethargy, loss of coordination, seizures and liver failure.

## FATTY TRIMMINGS AND BONES

Pets may experience vomiting and diarrhea. Fatty foods can also promote pancreatitis. Swallowed bones can cause stomach perforation and painful constipation.

## HOLIDAY PLANTS

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias may cause irritation, vomiting, diarrhea and heart arrhythmia in both cats and dogs.

## ELECTRICAL CORDS

If chewed, live electrical cords can cause burns in or around a pet's mouth, difficulty breathing, seizures and cardiac arrest.

HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL YOUR VET. FOR SUSPECTED POISONING, YOU CAN CONTACT THE **ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE: (888) 426-4435.**

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