



December Newsletter

Holiday Hazards

Before you start celebrating the holidays, spend some time planning and preparing for the well-being of your cats and dogs to keep them safe from holiday dangers.

- Keep your pets from pawing through the trash. Plastic or foil wrappings are especially attractive to curious animals.
- Watch where you place candles. Pets can tip them over or get burned.
- Never put ribbon or yarn around your pet's neck. If ingested, it can damage an animal's intestines.
- Never give bones to your pets. They can splinter and endanger their lives. Put any meat bones in a closed plastic bag and dispose of them outside.
- Don't feed pets holiday goodies or leftovers, and make sure they can't get at candies and snacks.
- Some holiday plants – such as holly, lilies and mistletoe – are toxic to pets, so be sure they're always out of reach.
- Use Christmas tree decorations wisely. Decorate the bottom third of the tree with non-breakable plastic or wooden ornaments.
- Cover electric cords. Or try coating them with bitter-apple spray, which pets don't like.
- For live trees, keep the water stand covered or use a pet-proof container – the water may contain fertilizers or bacteria.
- Safely secure trees to a wall or the ceiling to prevent them from toppling on playful pets.

On The Lighter Side!

Dog Quotes

“When a man's best friend is his dog that dog has a problem.”
-- *Edward Abbey*

“Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear.”
-- *Dave Barry*

“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”
-- *Josh Billings*

“Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies.”
-- *Gene Hill*

“Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.”
-- *Franklin P. Jones*

“Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.”
-- *Ann Landers*

“No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.”
-- *Christopher Morley*

“My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.”
-- *Joe Weinstein*



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