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**May You and Your Pets Enjoy the Holidays Together! Avoid Holiday Hazards!**

As you look to close out this year and celebrate the many upcoming holidays, take heed of the following Holiday Hazards to your pets. Bones, meat, trussing twine, ribbon, tinsel, candy, fireplaces, and holiday plants all pose unique dangers to pets. Never feed leftover turkey, ham or other bones to your pet. These bones can splinter and lodge in your pets mouth, throat, or stomach causing serious problems. Meats, especially those with lots of gravy, are difficult for pets to digest and can cause GI upsets or pancreatitis. Trussing twine from your turkey feast, ribbon from your gifts, Christmas tree ornament hangers, and tinsel from your tree all are hazards to your pets, especially cats. They are often eaten and may lodge in the stomach or tangle up the intestinal tract requiring surgery to remove them. Sweets can cause GI upset and chocolate can be fatal depending on the type of chocolate consumed and the amount. Traditional holiday plants such as the poinsettia, holly or mistletoe can cause illness if they are consumed by your pet. Christmas trees can be hazardous with electrical cords that puppies love to chew on and cats who love to climb them and topple them over. If your pet has an encounter with any of these Holiday Hazards, please contact us immediately.

We sincerely hope these tips will allow you to enjoy a **safe** and **wonderful** holiday season together.



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