



Holiday Pet Safety Tips

FOOD SAFETY



ADULT BEVERAGES

Adult beverages can be seriously dangerous for your furry friends.

Alcohol and liquor-infused desserts can result in seizures, respiratory distress, and incoordination.

Caffeine can cause hyperactivity, seizures, and muscle twitching.



SWEETS

Candy and sweets can be toxic to pets, especially chocolate and anything with the sugar substitute xylitol. Look for vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, and seizures.

LEFTOVERS

Bones can easily splinter or become lodged causing a medical emergency or even death.

Fatty and spicy foods, nuts, and dairy cannot be digested and can cause stomach upset, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.



FRUITS AND VEGGIES

Citrus peel and fruit pits/seeds contain citric acid and oils that cause irritation and difficulty breathing.

Grapes and raisins, even in small amounts, can cause kidney failure in dogs.

Onions, garlic, shallot, and chives can damage red blood cells and cause serious medical distress.

COLD WEATHER



When your pet comes back inside after going out, be sure to wipe off their legs and stomach to get all the ice, snow, and even salt off them.

Bang on the hood of your car before starting it to make sure no kitties or other wildlife have climbed into your engine during the night.

Antifreeze is poisonous to cats, dogs, and wildlife, so make sure you clean up any spills and keep it stored out of reach.

PLANTS

Jade, amaryllis, aloe vera, philodendron, begonia, snake plant, lily varieties (such as peace, calla, easter, tiger, and day lilies), pothos, mistletoe, holly, and poinsettia are dangerous for pets and should be kept out of reach.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Regular Veterinarian:

Phone _____

Hours _____

Local Emergency Vet:

Phone _____

Hours _____

Animal Poison Control:

(888) 426-4435

Report Animal in Distress:

HSPPR Animal Law Enforcement (Colorado Springs & Pueblo): 719-302-8798