



Holiday Dangers

FOR PETS

This holiday season, be aware of these unique dangers to pets.

Holiday Foods

Many festive foods are toxic for animals. Things like chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol are dangerous as are fatty foods, which can lead to pancreatitis in both dogs and cats.

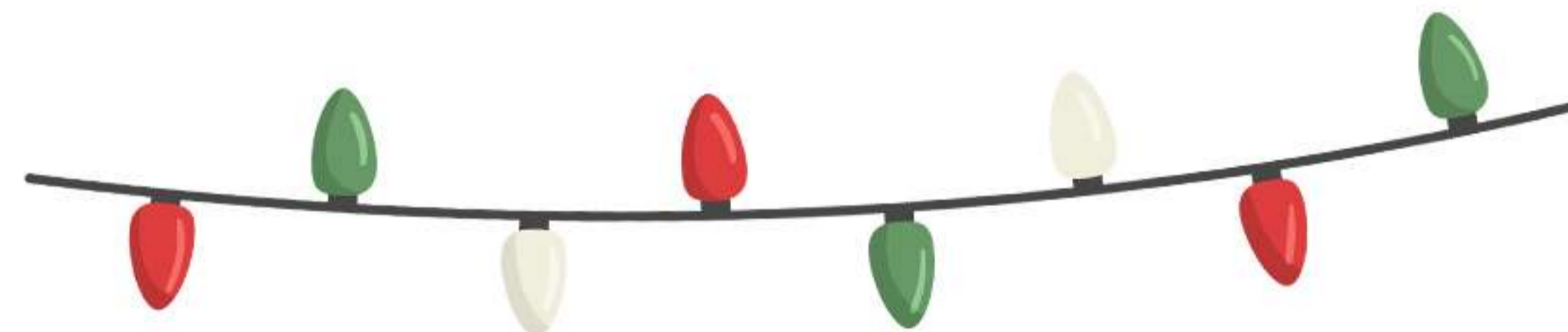


Ornaments & Decor

Sparkly decorations can look like toys to pets. Things like tinsel and ribbon or pieces of broken ornaments can cause choking and intestinal blockages if ingested.

Holiday Plants

Seasonal plants like poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and lilies are toxic to pets if ingested or even just chewed on. Ensure they're positioned out of reach of your pets.



Electrical Cords & Light Strands

Young pets or ones that like to chew can risk burns or electric shocks if they chew on electrical cords or light strands. Secure your cords or use pet-safe covers.

Candles

Rambunctious animals can accidentally knock over open flames and cause burns or even a fire. Ensure they're out of reach.



Stress & Anxiety

The holidays often bring a change of routine, houseguests, and travel, all of which can create stress for your pet. Ensure they have a quiet space to retreat to and be sure their collar has your current contact information should they slip out the door while people are coming and going.



Tree Water

Christmas tree water may contain fertilizers or preservatives that are toxic to pets. Make sure you cover the tree stand to prevent your pets from drinking the water.

