DOCTOR'S CORNER

Keeping Pets Safe *During the Holidays*

Pet Health & Wellness · Seasonal Edition



The holidays are a wonderful time to snuggle up with our pets, but many popular holiday treats can pose **serious danger** to furry friends. While celebrating this year, be sure to keep these foods well out of reach of curious pets!

Holiday Foods to Keep Away from Pets

Chocolate

Can cause gastrointestinal, neurologic, and heart problems.

Xylitol Products

Sugar-free candies, gum & baked goods cause low blood sugar and liver problems in dogs.

Raisins & Grapes

Even small amounts can cause sudden kidney failure in dogs.

Turkey & Ham Bones

Cooked bones splinter easily and can cause dangerous obstructions.

Alcoholic Beverages

Can cause alcohol poisoning — keep all drinks well out of reach.

Raw Bread Dough

Can cause electrolyte imbalances, tremors, and dangerous bloat.

Onions & Garlic — In any form, including powdered form used in holiday cooking, can cause anemia and secondary kidney injury in both dogs and cats.

Other Holiday Hazards



Food isn't the only danger during the holiday season. Keep these precautions in mind all season long:

- Keep tinsel & ribbon away from cats — can cause intestinal blockages
- Secure your tree so curious pets can't knock it over
- Keep lit candles & menorahs out of paws' reach
- Avoid toxic plants — poinsettias, mistletoe & holly
- Watch the door — guests increase the chance of pets slipping out
- Give pets a quiet, safe room to retreat from holiday commotion

If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, **contact your veterinarian immediately.** *Don't wait for symptoms to appear — early intervention is critical. Keep your vet's emergency number handy all season long.*