



# Pet Care NOTES



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## **MAKE IT SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Keep the safety of your pets in mind when decking the halls. Ornaments and decorations that might seem harmless can be hazardous to teething pups and playful young dogs. Some foods that are safe for humans can be poisonous to pets, as are some traditional holiday plants (the berries of some varieties of holly are very toxic for pets), greenery, and edible ornaments on a tree. Gifts of food under a tree, as well as overeating, can cause digestive problems ranging from minor tummy aches to life-threatening emergencies. Since some accidents are unavoidable, and pets sometimes become ill, check to see if your vet will be working on the holiday. If not, know the location of the closest pet hospital.

Curious pets have lots to explore and can find many new "toys" to play with during the holidays. With just a little bit of attention to the potential hazards that surround us this time of year, owners and pets alike can have a safe, fun-filled time. And be sure to keep the turkey bones away from dogs and cats. Bones are easily splintered when chewed by a hungry pet and can cause choking. New patients are always welcome here—please call for an appointment. Our patients include dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pocket pets. Ask us for a tour of our very modern facility, where our complete array of pet care services include microchipping and laser surgery.

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