

Holiday HAZARDS



Keep the Holiday Season Healthy

Staying aware of these common dangers can help you avoid an unexpected trip to our veterinary hospital.

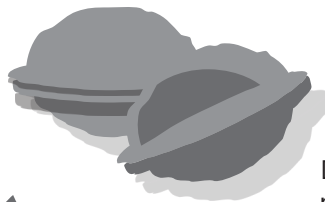
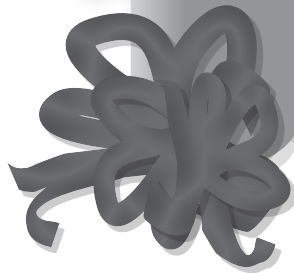
If your pet has any of the symptoms listed above, please contact us right away.

DECORATIONS & WRAPPING MATERIALS

Ornaments, candles, tinsel, ribbon, dreidels, wrapping paper

Dangers: Burns (candles), choking, intestinal blockage, stomach infection

Symptoms may include: vomiting (possibly severe), diarrhea, depression, stomach pain, fever

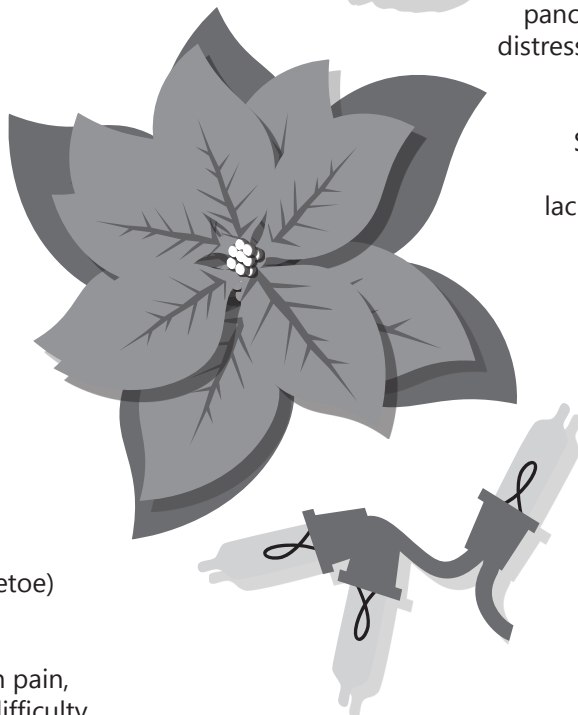


HOLIDAY PLANTS & TREES

Holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, Christmas tree pine needles

Dangers: mouth irritation (poinsettia), gastric distress (pine needles), death (mistletoe)

Symptoms may include: excessive drooling, stomach pain, vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficulty breathing, shock



FOOD & DRINK ...AND TAINTED WATER

Bones, chocolate, fat trimmings, nuts (specifically almonds, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia nuts), general overindulgence, water with preservatives or sap in the Christmas tree stand

Dangers: choking, obstruction, lacerations (bones), pancreatitis (fatty foods), to gastric and respiratory distress (water from preservatives/tree sap), to coma, seizures, and death (alcohol, chocolate).

Symptoms may include: increased thirst, upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors

ELECTRICAL CORDS & LIGHTS

Holiday lights and electrical cords

Dangers: electrical shock, death

Symptoms may include: burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heartbeat, loss of consciousness