

holiday safety tips

Holly, Jolly and Oh-So-Safe! Of course you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, pet parents, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. And be sure to steer them clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:

O Christmas Tree

Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

No Feasting for the Furies

By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising fur kid will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Toy Joy

Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Choose gifts that are safe. Dogs have been known to tear their toys apart and swallowing the pieces, which can then become lodged in the esophagus, stomach or intestines. Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible.

Forget the Mistletoe & Holly

Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies, can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.



Ziji, spoiled by Heidi

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Leave the Leftovers

Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

That Holiday Glow

Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

Wired Up

Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.

Careful with Cocktails

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

A Room of Their Own

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

New Year's Noise

As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears.



Dioji, spoiled by Remy and Rean Savi



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Member Meetings

Membership/Board Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month:

Sunday Dec. 4, 2011 – Vet Cookie Plate Gathering/ Board Meeting
Matt Weaver's Office; 6870 w. 52ND Ave. #215, Arvada
Time: 12 pm

Sunday Jan. 8, 2012 – Mattson's Home
Time: 2 pm

Feb. 12, 2012-
Library: May Room B
Time: 2 pm

March 11, 2012 – Annual Meeting
Location and Time to be announced

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Time: 2 pm



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Area	Store Name	Address	Meet Date	Meet Time	Coordinator(s)	Coordinator Phone
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	Petco - I-25 & Colorado Blvd	4100 E Mexico Ave, Denver	1st Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Gail Baxter	303-757-7724
	Petsmart - Colorado & Alameda	4300 E Alameda Ave, Glendale	2nd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Monica & Jim Pope	303-321-4872
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	Petsmart - Aurora	40 S Abilene St, Aurora	4th Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Becky Rickert	303-745-9308
	Petsmart - Wheat Ridge	3540 Youngfield St, Wheat Ridge	1st Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Wendy Edwards	303-238-1477
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South Metro	Petsmart - Southwest Plaza	8500 W. Crestline Avenue	4th Sunday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Michelle Brown	303-358-2263
	Pet Club - Wheatridge	4975 Kipling St #B	3rd Saturday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Denise Fortman	303-986-5855
	Petsmart - Arvada	5285 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada	4th Sunday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Matt & Naomi Weaver	720-863-4554
	Petco - Park Meadows	9425 E County Line Rd, Englewood	3rd Sunday	11:00am - 1:00pm	Jim & Joyce Patterson	303-683-0291
South Metro	Petco - Southglenn	7460 South University Blvd	2nd Saturday	10:00am-12:00pm	Jamie Ruth	303-589-7923
	Petsmart - University & County Line	8222 South University Blvd	4th Saturday	11:00am-1:00pm	Jill Marshall & James & Kendall King	Jill 303-891-3760 JMK 303-887-3708
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	Petsmart - Park Meadows	8695 S Park Meadows Center Dr, Englewood	4th Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Mike and Chris Benedict	303-993-2618
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	Petsmart - Westminster	10460 Town Center Dr, Westminster	2nd Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm	Chris Covell & Wayne Jones	303-646-7593
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	Petsmart - Loveland	1715 Rocky Mountain Ave, Loveland	3rd Sunday	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sue Potter	970-532-5211
	Outlets at Loveland (Outdoors - Not held during cold/increment weather)	5645 McWhinney Blvd, Loveland	3rd Sunday	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Cristi MacWaters	970-217-5510
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Steamboat Springs	Petco - Colorado Springs South	1650 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, Colo Springs	4th Saturday	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Leslie Heid	719-337-1418
	Paws n Claws n Things	345 Anglers Drive Unit B Steamboat Springs	4th Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Peter DeWolf	970-846-7448

By Rachel Jervis

I thought Evie deserved a nice, fall-inspired treat, so I developed this recipe for Carrot-Apple-Ginger Bites. I made them in small bite-sized treats so that they would be easier to cook thoroughly for storage and so I could use them as training treats.

Carrot-Apple-Ginger Bites

- 1 cup chopped carrots
- ½ cup apple sauce
- ½ teaspoon powdered ginger
- 1 egg
- 1 cup old fashioned oatmeal (uncooked)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour

Cook chopped carrots in the method of your choice (steam, boil, microwave). Mash cooked carrots using a potato masher or fork. Stir in applesauce, ginger, and egg until combined. Mix in oatmeal and flour. You may need to knead with your hands, as dough will be sticky. Take 1 teaspoon of dough and roll into ball. Press flat onto cookie sheets. I line my cookie sheets with silpat liners; if you don't have silpats, line cookie sheets with foil to keep cookies from sticking.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes (or longer) until biscuits are dry and crispy.



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From IceBerg Creations
 Yes, we are still alive but the
 website has changed slightly.
 It is now:
www.icebergcreations.net.

Such a small change that makes
 a huge difference. We have all
 our coats and Snoodles plus the
 new "people" stuff. Please visit.



Gilbert, spoiled by Denise and Rollie Fortman

ask the trainer: controlling multiple dogs

Question: We recently added a third dog to our household, and it sometimes gets a bit chaotic. How can we maintain control, especially when they get excited?

The Trainer Answers: Living with multiple dogs can provide constant play mates and company for your dogs, but it can also create some difficulties if the dogs are allowed to get out of control. Teaching your dogs to use some self control, especially around other dogs, can go a long way toward maintaining harmony and avoiding chaos. This is especially important at times when your dogs are more inclined to get overly excited. Dog fights among household members occur most often in high arousal situations such as when food or bones are present or at doorways.

Many people manage potential issues with food by feeding dogs in separate areas or at separate times. While this can work well, think about what happens if food is present at other times. Are there potential issues if food is dropped in the kitchen or when treats are available? While some things are easiest to manage, it's also good for dogs to learn to use self control around valuable items like food. Whether it's the dogs' meals, treats or the kitchen when you are preparing your own dinner, it's worth teaching your dogs that you control access to any and all food. If they learn to wait for permission to access food, you can avoid competition and possibly fights. For example, at meal time, you might ask all dogs to wait for permission to be released to their food bowls. When one dog finishes, you might direct the dog outside or to lie down on a dog bed (for a treat) until the other dogs are finished and all bowls are picked up.

Bones or other chew items can be cause for trouble as well. If any of your dogs are possessive over chews or tend to bully the other dogs in attempts to take their chews, make sure that bones or other chews are only allowed under your direct supervision. You determine the rules of your household. Some dogs will share with no problems, but others will be willing to fight for what they want. They should learn that you control access to chews so they should not bully any of the other dogs, nor should they need to worry about being bullied. For example, in my household, dogs are only allowed to chew the item they have been given. If one dog walks away from a chew, I pick it up and put it away for later. I do not allow the other dog to take it nor do I allow the other dog to attempt to take it away while one dog still has it. My dogs never have to defend a chew from the other dog because they know I will step in and control the situation. I do not allow dogs to "work it out for themselves." While that works well with some dogs, in other situations one dog will become a bully and the other dog will never truly feel safe.

Doorways are another volatile situation for many dogs. For some, the excitement of going out in the back yard or going out the front door for a walk is cause for great excitement. Any time the arousal level rises, there is the potential for dogs to make poor choices. (Think about fans in the stadium at a sporting event if you're not sure what I mean about poor decision-making during high arousal!) Teaching dogs to wait calmly to be released one at a time to go through the door can prevent potential fights. If your dogs get excited at the prospect of visitors, asking them to wait on their beds until released to say hello can also help to maintain calm in an exciting situation.

These things take some work at first, but in the long run, your life will be much easier and there will be less chaos and potential for excitement to turn into something ugly.

For additional information, read our blog at <http://www.lovedogtraining.com/wp/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Please send questions to: sbrown@lovedogtraining.com

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To those pets that brought such joy to our lives...they will be missed!

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Dear Evie,

I live with a cat and I have a question about that. Is it okay to chase her just once? She doesn't pester me and leaves me alone but you know it's humiliating to see her strut around all innocent and safe. If I could just scare her one time it would make me feel so good. I wouldn't hurt her but I'm wondering if she would hurt me.

Please let me know what you think.
Gilbert

Dear Gilbert,

I also live with a cat. Her name is Clover and she is very feisty. She hisses if you look at her wrong. She hisses if you walk too close to her. One time, Clover was reprimanded for jumping on the kitchen counter and shooed off. She ran right up to me and smacked me on the needlenose with her paw! It wasn't my fault she was on the counter!

As tempting as it is to chase the kitty... and maybe even feel her fur between your teeth for a short second, it isn't worth it. First, the cat might hurt you. Second, you might be deemed "not cat safe" and have to move to a house without kitty cats. And as much as you and I might enjoy cat-free living, we'd miss our humans. Love and squirrels,
Evie Petunia

Dear Evie Petunia,

Mysteries of the Universe #463: why do dogs asked to be let out in the yard only to stand like a statue at the open doorway? My greyhound, who shall be nameless, has raised this to an art. Not only does he not go out, he turns around and goes back to the living room and repeats this three or four times before getting on with it. He does this no matter the weather, no matter if it's dark or daytime. And while he's older now and a little hesitant on the steps, he has always done this. I've tried going out ahead of him with treats, cajoling, praising etc. No dice. Buz... errr, the nameless greyhound, is unfortunately doing this at 3 and 4 in the morning as well as during the day. What's a mom to do Evie P? Name Withheld to protect the neurotic.

Dear Name Withheld,

Maybe your nameless greyhound doesn't need to go out, but just wants some fresh air. Have you thought about opening a window for him? Maybe you could build a special greyhound window at needlenose level that is covered with a small dog door. That way he could stick his head out whenever he wants without getting his paws dirty. If that isn't practical, you can resort to what my mama did when she added a babygate with a door at the foot of the stairs

and I refused to walk through it. Put a leash on said nameless greyhound and escort him into the yard. I bet after doing this for a few days, he'll get the hang of going straight out the door. I go straight through the babygate and up the stairs every night now. I hate it when my human wins, but sometimes she does. Love and Squirrels,
Evie Petunia

Dear Evie,

I have a question for you - why am I not allowed to eat at the table? My people have gone to great lengths to assure me that I am a loved member of the family. But once it is dinner time, my status drops and I am forced to eat off of a stand. When I first moved in,

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I helped myself to an entire pizza while Mum answered the phone. She did not seem happy with this event and since then has made growly noises if I put my nose on the table. Tonight, something similar happened. I stuck my nose in an empty cookie box, just to see if there were any crumbs left, and got the box stuck on my face. While my people laughed, they also reminded me that I'm not allowed to eat at the table. What is up with this? Shouldn't I be allowed to eat with the family? Your friend,
Damien

Dear Damien,

Humans are so confusing, aren't they? You are a beloved member of the family, but you can't eat off the table or counters, you can't have your own credit card, and you can't sit in the front seat of the car.

Like you, I am very particular about where I eat. One time my tags got caught on my raised food stand and when I walked away the stand followed me. After that incident, I put my

paw down and insisted I eat at the table like a dignified hound! Mama's compromise is that I can have my meals on the coffee table (which is the same height as my stand). Since 95% of the time mama also eats dinner at the coffee table, we dine together. When she has guests they eat at the dining room table. It is too tall for me to comfortably eat off, so I stick with the coffee table. But even then, mama or another human will sit with me while I eat my meal.

So do what I did: only eat when your bowl is in the location you prefer and you have human company (if you so desire). If your human is anything like mine, she can't stand to see her skinny greyhound miss a meal and she'll cave to your desires.

Love and Squirrels,
Evie Petunia

Dear Evie,

I heard mom and dad talking about going on vacation - how can I get them to take me? I want to scuba dive too!
Bocce

Dear Bocce,

Have you ever been in water? I find it very unpleasant when the water is higher than my chest. So for me the thought of scuba diving is the least bit appealing. When my mama travels, I stay at my vacation home. I love my vacation home. My vacation home caretakers, the Allen family, are owned by my greyhound buddy Rufus. Rufus and I play in the yard. I also snuggle and play dress-up with the kids. It is wonderful

But I digress... if you really want to go on vacation, consider purchasing a book about dog-friendly traveling for your parents. You could get one online and then discreetly set it on the coffee table for them to see. If that doesn't work, see if you can fit in one of their suitcases. Stowing away isn't glamorous, but it would get you there! Love and Squirrels,
Evie Petunia



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