



# Christmas

## PET SAFETY

**The festive season is upon us, and many of us will include our furry companions in these festivities. As you gear up for Christmas, it is important to your pet's wellbeing in mind. Help your pet have a healthy and happy Christmas by following these tips.**

### Food

Keep human food away from pets – feeding your pet these foods can have dire consequences such as vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy and in some cases chronic breathing difficulties. Dangerous foods for pets include chocolate, grapes, mince pies, Christmas puddings, nuts, alcohol, onion, turkey bones and ham.

### Decorating

Christmas trees can tip over if pets climb on them, ensure your tree is secure. Ornaments can cause hazards for pets, broken ornaments can cause injuries and ingested ornaments can cause intestinal blockage or even toxicity. Flowers and festive plants can be dangerous and even poisonous to pets.

### Hosting parties and visitors

The sudden influx of visitors and noise of the festive season can upset pets - try and keep to your pet's routine as much as possible. Pets should have access to a comfortable, quiet place inside if they want to retreat.

### Holiday travel

Pets in vehicles should always be safely restrained and should never be left alone in the car in any weather. If you are leaving your pet with a pet sitter, ensure you utilise a trusted and reliable service and that your pet's microchip and ID tag details are up-to-date in case they go missing while you are away.



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