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Keeping your Puppy safe during the Holidays
Holiday Hazards to Avoid with Pets in the Home
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Kitchen Safety

- ?? Tin foil, meat strings, and toothpicks can cause serious digestive problems if swallowed.
- Dough can expand in the stomach and cause severe problems if swallowed.
- Chocolate, coffee, and tea are very toxic for dogs. Even small amounts can cause diarrhea, seizures or death. Unsweetened baking chocolate and dark chocolate are most dangerous.
- Bones cooked or uncooked, can tear or obstruct the digestive system.
- Sweets and greasy or spicy foods can cause pancreatitis which is a serious inflammation of the pancreas and can be fatal.
- Alcoholic beverages are attractive to some dogs, especially sweet alcoholic beverages such as eggnog. Remind guests to keep glasses out of reach of the dog and put away glasses after parties. A small amount of alcohol can be fatal.
- Garbage contains discarded food and the smells can be enticing for your dog. Keep garbage covered and out of reach.
- Plastic wrapping can obstruct the digestive system and cause severe problems if swallowed.

Christmas Tree and Decoration Safety

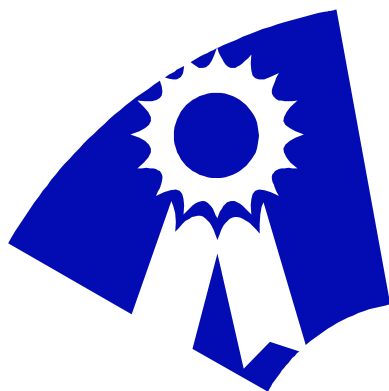
- ✂ Christmas trees should be secured to prevent toppling. Do not allow your dog to eat fallen pine needles or even artificial tree needles as they can be toxic or cause stomach irritation.
- ✂ Christmas tree water can contain poisonous pine tar or tree preservatives.
- ✂ Tinsel, ornaments, ornament wire hangers, angel hair, artificial snow, candles, and ribbon can all cause serious problems if swallowed. Many dogs think ornaments are toys and want to play with them.
- ✂ Christmas lights can cause digestive upsets or electrocution if chewed
- ✂ Electrical cords can cause electrocution or a fire hazard if chewed.
- ✂ Almost all Christmas plants, including holly leaves and berries, poinsettias, and mistletoe are poisonous or irritating to dogs if swallowed.
- ✂ Christmas tree flocking is toxic while wet, but otherwise safe unless ingested in large quantities. If you're planning If you're planning on spraying your tree, make sure it dries completely before bringing it inside.
- ✂ Another safety hazard is the batting used for miniature towns and train sets. Dogs can jump up and pull them down. Another "snow" hazard is the window spray. Make sure it too is completely dry before allowing the puppy back in the room. Be sure to check the labels for toxicity.

Indoor and Outdoor Safety

- ✂ While the fireplace is burning, it's always a good idea to be extra cautious when dogs are around. When using a wood stove, this can be especially dangerous since dogs may not know that the surfaces are very hot.
- ✂ Antifreeze tastes sweet and many dogs are attracted to it. Just a few drops can be fatal.
- ✂ Hypothermia can pose a danger during severe cold. Puppies, old dogs, and sick dogs are most vulnerable. Dress your dog in winter clothing or restrict outdoor time. Provide snug shelter. Warm your dog quickly if he starts to shiver.
- ✂ Ice-melting chemicals and salt can irritate paws or cause digestive upsets if swallowed. Booties help protect sensitive paws.

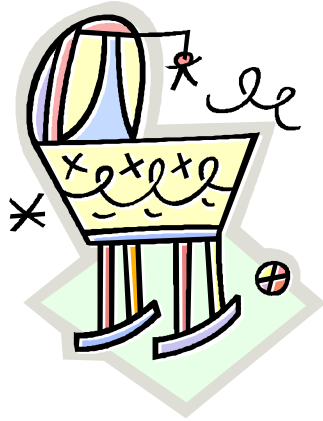
Tips for Avoiding Trouble

Provide your dog with a safe and comfortable place, such as a crate or Li'l Pen, away from holiday dangers and the stress of unfamiliar guests and disrupted schedules.



News From the Show ring...

Our beautiful boy Turner finished the year being the #7 Maltese in the USA. I am SO happy and proud of him. I can't believe my little boy was able to make it that far. I feel very honored and blessed to have him in my life. Thanks to all of you who were out there supporting me at shows and for your loving and supportive emails. I couldn't have done it without all of you behind me cheering me on.



From the nursery...

Our girl Missy blessed us with a litter of 5!!! Born on 10/28. Mom and all 5 babies are doing well. This is our 3rd litter of 5 in 11 years. All babies were whelped naturally and all in an hour an a half. WOW!

We always use and recommend [NuVet](#) vitamins to keep our dogs and puppies healthy.

Don't forget to check our new page "[Natural Canine](#)" devoted to raising your puppies using Natural Remedies and the natural way.