



## 'Tis the Season for **PET SAFETY TIPS!**

### **COOKIES AND CANDY**

Consumption of chocolate can cause agitation, vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate, tremors, seizures and even death.

### **MACADAMIA NUTS AND WALNUTS**

These nuts can cause severe lethargy, increased body temperature, vomiting, tremors, joint stiffness and the inability to walk.

### **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

Tinsel, ribbon and similar decorations can cut up the digestive tract and cause intestinal obstruction. Ornaments should be kept off low-lying Christmas tree branches.

### **LIGHTS AND CANDLES**

If your pet can reach them, they may be a fire hazard if knocked over.

### **ALCOHOL**

Alcoholic drinks may cause vomiting, disorientation, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma and seizures.

### **GRAPES, RAISINS, AVOCADOS, ONIONS AND GARLIC**

These can cause lethargy, lack of appetite and vomiting.

### **ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS**

Sugarless gum and artificially sweetened treats may cause vomiting, lethargy, loss of coordination, seizures and liver failure.

### **FATTY TRIMMINGS AND BONES**

Pets may experience vomiting and diarrhea. Fatty foods can also promote pancreatitis. Swallowed bones can cause stomach perforation and painful constipation.

### **HOLIDAY PLANTS**

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias may cause irritation, vomiting, diarrhea and heart arrhythmia in both cats and dogs.

### **ELECTRICAL CORDS**

If chewed, live electrical cords can cause burns in or around a pet's mouth, difficulty breathing, seizures and cardiac arrest.

**HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL YOUR VET. FOR SUSPECTED POISONING, YOU CAN CONTACT THE ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE: (888) 426-4435.**