



Thanksgiving Safety for Pets

Table Scrap Rules If you decide to feed your pet a little nibble of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer her raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria. Make sure she doesn't have any poultry skin, beef or Port fat. These high sodium, fatty foods can cause inflammation of the pancreas. Pancreatitis is a potentially life-threatening condition.

Other Foods to Avoid: Turkey skin, macadamia nuts, turkey bones, sage, chocolate, onions, nutmeg, grapes, raisins, and sweets.

No Bread Dough Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him raw bread dough. According to ASPCA experts, when raw bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in his stomach. As it expands, the pet may experience vomiting, severe abdominal pain and bloating, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring surgery.

Secure Your Trash Make sure trash is securely tied up and out of reach. Cooked poultry bones are hollow and break and splinter easily. Sharp pieces can be accidentally swallowed and can choke the dog or block and/or tear the intestines.

A Quiet Refuge If you have a house full of relatives at the holidays make sure your pet has a quiet place to get away from the bustle. All of the activity can be stressful, especially if your home is normally calm. You can give your pet a Kong filled with a little bit of turkey and gravy or peanut butter to keep them busy.

Fresh Water Make sure you check your pet's water bowl frequently

Candles Beware of where you place candles as these can be especially tempting to cats and kittens. Your pet can be badly injured or knock over a candle and cause a house fire.

Sources: www.asPCA.org, www.pets911.com, www.animalleague.org

