

## ***Sharing Thanksgiving Leftovers with Pets***

Many of us love sharing our Thanksgiving leftovers with our pets, but what's safe and what isn't? Here are a few tips to keep everyone happy and safe.

*Remember: If you do share your holiday leftovers with your pup, limit how much he or she receives. Too much can cause digestive upset and in extreme cases, pancreatitis, a painful and potentially deadly disease.*



### **Yes**

**Turkey (skinless and boneless)** Need a super yummy training treat? Leftover turkey can be used as a high value reward.

**Plain mashed potatoes** Additions like sour cream, cheese, onions, and gravy should be avoided.

**Plain green beans** Hold the butter and salt.

**Baked sweet potatoes** Plain is best.

**Gravy free of onions, herbs, or spices**

### **No**

**Onions, garlic, leeks, scallions** Alliums are toxic to pets and should be avoided.

**Green bean casserole** That crispy onion topping and creamy mushroom gravy is no good for your pet.

**Stuffing** Ingredients like onions, garlic, and herbs should be avoided.

**Meat substitutes like Tofurky or Field Roast** These products contain several herbs and spices, as well as alliums (onions, garlic, etc.), that could upset your pup's tummy.

**Chocolate or xylitol sweetener** Unsweetened or baking chocolate is especially dangerous to pets, and xylitol sweetener can be deadly to dogs (and toxic to cats).

**Bones** Cooked bones can splinter and become a choking hazard for your pet.

### **Maybe**

**Mac and cheese** Beware of the dairy, but little can be shared with Fido if he's used to eating cheese.

**Cranberry sauce** Cranberries are great for dogs, but beware of the sugar in canned cranberry sauce.

**Pumpkin pie** Pumpkin is also great for dogs, but beware of the dairy and sugar. Too much can cause digestive upset.

***Wishing you and your pets a Happy Thanksgiving!***