



## ***Holiday Pet Safety Tips***

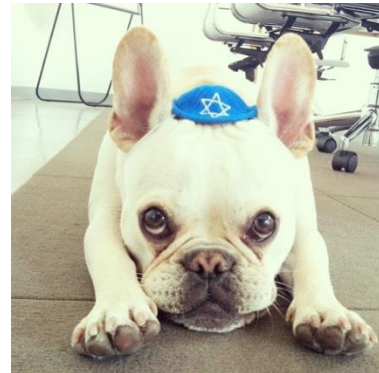
### ***The most wonderful time of the year is upon us!***

And along with it comes a flurry of festive activity. Take a “paws” to review our tips and make sure the holidays are safe and enjoyable for your furry family members!

#### ***Visions of Sugar Plums***

The following treats could potentially have less-than-sweet consequences for your pet. Please keep them out of reach:

- Chocolate (especially dark chocolate)
- Xylitol (a sweetener used in candy and baked goods)
- Grapes, Raisins, Currants
- Macadamia Nuts
- Alcoholic Beverages



#### ***Deck the Halls***

- Holly and mistletoe can be toxic if ingested.
- Poinsettia can upset a pet’s digestive system.
- Pine needles from the tree can harm internal organs if ingested.
- Make sure your tree is securely anchored and won’t topple due to climbing cats or wagging tails.
- Don’t allow pets to drink tree water containing preservatives, or tree water which has become stagnant.

#### ***All that Glitters***

- Electric cords can pose a trip or chewing hazard, keep them safely stashed.
- Keep menorah and other candles on a sturdy surface, out of pets’ reach.
- Ribbon, tinsel and ornaments—these items can seem like fun toys to our pets, but have the potential to harm digestive tract or cause intestinal obstruction if chewed and swallowed.

#### ***Home for the Holidays***

- The extra holiday hubbub can be stressful to pets—especially ones who are older, ill, or tend to be nervous. Give them a quiet place to retreat to.
- Stick to your pets’ regular feeding and exercise schedules. Don’t let guests sneak treats that could cause digestive distress.
- Make sure your pets are microchipped and wearing ID tags in case of unexpected escapes when company arrives at the door.

***Happiest holiday wishes to you and yours  
from all of us at the Sonoma Humane Society!***

