

# PET PROOFIN'

your home for the holidays



SPRINGS VETERINARY CARE



## LIQUID POTPOURRI

Consider other ways to build a festive aroma. Pets are attracted to liquid potpourri and it's highly toxic and corrosive.

## POINSETTIA, HOLLY & LILIES OH MY

**Poinsettias.** Not nearly as toxic as their reputation would have you believe, these beauties can cause nausea and vomiting. **Lilies.** So many beautiful flowers to choose from, but if you have cats, avoid lilies. Some species cause kidney failure. **Holly.** We agree holly is jolly, but it's highly toxic, too, causing GI symptoms in pets. Consider plastic or mistletoe

Whenever your pets get into something strange, call us right away.



## MEDICATIONS

Visitors may mean unsupervised luggage and handbags - and opportunities for your pet's exploration. Call poison control immediately if your pet gets into any medications.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

And let it be kept away from curious creatures. Chewing electric cords or tipping lit candles are recipes for disaster. Save your pet and your home.

## TREE MEET CAT

If your cat is a climber, you'll need extra security for your tree. Don't let a tipped tree dampen your Christmas spirit.

## ORNAMENTS

Don't forego these signatures of the season, but put the breakable and sharp-edged ones out of reach. As far as **TINSEL**, if you have cats, just say no. Their intestines will thank you.

## XYLITOL

Stockings, handbags, and treats, oh my! Sugar-substitute xylitol causes life-threatening drops in a dog's blood sugar. Make sure any gums and treats are safely put away.

## NO BONES ABOUT IT

Cooked turkey or chicken bones can splinter and cause serious issues for your pet. Other table foods, including high-fat items, onions, caffeinated items, and grapes are also hazardous.

## CHOCOLATE

From chocolate cake to boxes of chocolate-covered cherries, this tempting treat can be fatal for your pets.

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