

## Give your Cat a Safe and Happy Holiday Season Tips to prevent holiday hazards this December

The Cat Adoption Team offers these tips to help your feline enjoy the holiday season and ring in a happy New Year:

- Cats love routine – whether it is feeding time, playtime, or sleep/quiet time. Try to maintain your cat’s routine as much as possible.
- Hosting a party? Your cat will most likely enjoy the evening better from the quiet and safety of an “off limits” bedroom.
- Limit holiday treats, especially table scraps. Even pets can experience holiday weight gain.
- Your curious cat will explore all the decorations. Take extra time to anticipate what could be breakable, ingested, or knocked down.
  - place heirlooms out of reach
  - decorate with cat-friendly items
  - avoid tinsel and curling ribbon as these can cause severe intestinal issues and blockage if eaten
  - keep open flame candles away from areas your cat roams as they could be knocked down by a tail
  - cover the tree water lest it become an alternative water bowl
  - keep holiday plants in a place where they won’t be nibbled on as many can be harmful to your pet
- Keep visible identification on your cat at all times. And consider getting a microchip as a secondary form of identification. This time of year brings plenty of hustle and bustle. Should your pet become lost, identification is her ticket back home.
- Remember to get a gift for your cat from the Cat Adoption Team’s lobby store, which is open every day for your shopping convenience. CAT is located at 14175 SW Galbreath Dr., Sherwood, OR.

The Cat Adoption Team has more tips on making the holidays safe for your cat at [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).

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*The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest’s largest non-profit, no-kill cat shelter with its own full service veterinary hospital on-site. CAT’s mission is to work with the community to save the lives of homeless, sick and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster,*

*hospice, and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia in our community. CAT, a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, will save over 3,000 lives this year and relies heavily on the support of the public and generous volunteers.*

***CAT is located*** at 14175 SW Galbreath Drive in Sherwood, just off Tualatin-Sherwood Road. For directions and more information, call (503) 925-8903; on the web at [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).