



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 and avoid using chemicals to keep your tree fresh
 - keep holiday plants in a place where they won’t be nibbled on as many can be harmful to your pet
- Yes you can decorate with a poinsettia, just keep it out of reach of your pets.
<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/ask-the-expert/ask-the-expert-poison-control/poinsettia.aspx>
- 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.

The Cat Adoption Team has more tips at www.catadoptionteam.org.