Staying aware of these common dangers can help you avoid an unexpected trip to our veterinary hospital.

If your pet has any of the symptoms listed above, please contact us right away.

## Holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, Christmas tree pine needles

**Dangers:** mouth irritation (poinsettia), gastric distress (pine needles), death (mistletoe)

**Symptoms may include:** excessive drooling, stomach pain, vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficulty breathing, shock

## Ornaments, candles, tinsel, ribbon, dreidels, wrapping paper

**Dangers:** Burns (candles), choking, intestinal blockage, stomach infection

**Symptoms may include:** vomiting (possibly severe), diarrhea, depression, stomach pain, fever

## Bones, chocolate, fat trimmings, nuts (specifically almonds, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia nuts), general overindulgence, water with preservatives or sap in the Christmas tree stand

**Dangers:** choking, obstruction, lacerations (bones), pancreatitis (fatty foods), to gastric and respiratory distress (water from preservatives/tree sap), to coma, seizures, and death (alcohol, chocolate).

**Symptoms may include:** increased thirst, upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors

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## Holiday lights and electrical cords

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**Symptoms may include:** burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heartbeat, loss of consciousness

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