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.

**HOLIDAY PLANTS & TREES**

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

**DECORATIONS & WRAPPING MATERIALS**

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

**FOOD & DRINK**

...AND TAINED WATER

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

**ELECTRICAL CORDS & LIGHTS**

Holiday lights and electrical cords

Dangers: electrical shock, death

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