

## HOLIDAY HAZARDS TO BE AWARE OF

- **BONES:** Small turkey and ham bones can lodge in the throat, stomach and intestinal tract. In addition, fats, gravies, and poultry skins can cause severe gastrointestinal problems.
- **HOLIDAY PLANTS:** Holly, mistletoe, poinsettia and other popular holiday plants can be toxic if eaten.
- **ELECTRICAL CORDS:** Holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Make sure all electrical cords are in good condition and out of reach.
- **CHRISTMAS TREES:** Poorly secured trees can fall on rambunctious pets.
- **PINE NEEDLES:** Ingested pine needles can puncture an animals intestines.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE WATER:** Many of the additives used to keep Christmas trees fresh can be toxic if consumed.
- **SWEETS:** Holiday candy-particularly pure chocolate, which contains Theobromine-can be hazardous or fatal to pets.
- **ALCOHOL:** Unattended alcoholic beverages can be extremely dangerous if consumed by cats and dogs.
- **ORNAMENTS:** sharp or breakable ornaments should be kept well out of reach of curious paws.
- **TINSEL, YARN, AND RIBBON:** Linear foreign bodies can become stuck in an animals intestinal tract, causing a blockage or perforating the intestinal wall.