



Meoww Christmas!



The holidays are busy times. As you set up decorations, keep in mind that pets are curious about the new things around the house.

Christmas trees can be distracting to your pets, especially cats. Cats may want to climb the tree, knock down ornaments to play with, or hide under or in the tree. Please make sure that you keep an eye on your animals as they may cause damage to decorations and sometimes to themselves.



POISONIOUS PLANTS

Bright ornamental plants are a great way to dress up the house during the holidays and bring life to your home during the winter. Pet owners should be aware that many of these common plants are poisonous to their furry family members.

Toxicity ranges from mild to severe, and the amount of plant your pet eats determines how sick it might become. In general, gastrointestinal upset is the most common result, but if enough plant material is eaten, seizures, coma, or death is possible.

Curious puppies and kittens might want to sample some of the new-in-the-house greens. The dose is size-dependent, so puppies and kittens are most often at greatest risk for plant poisonings.

POINSETTA PLANTS

It is a myth that poinsettias are a highly toxic plant. Poinsettias contain a milky white sap that can cause mild vomiting, drooling, and diarrhea when ingested by pets, but more serious toxicity is not expected.



MISTLETOE and HOLLY

Mistletoe and holly are considered to be moderate to severely toxic, and you should call your veterinarian or poison control center immediately for specific advice if your pet eats either one of these very common holiday plants.



LILIES and DAFFODILS

Plant bulb kits featuring amaryllis, other plants in the lily family, narcissus, and other plants in the daffodil family are a popular gift and decor items during the holiday season. Pet owners should be aware that these plants are very toxic to cats.

They sometimes can cause severe symptoms of gastrointestinal distress, cardiac arrhythmias, kidney failure, convulsions, and death. Daffodils are toxic to both dogs and cats, especially the bulbs.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Don't forget about the Christmas tree. Evergreen Christmas trees are considered to be mildly toxic. The fir tree oils can irritate the mouth and stomach, causing excessive drooling or vomiting. The tree needles are not easily digested and can cause GI irritation, vomiting, gastrointestinal obstruction, or puncture. As noted earlier, the amount of trouble depends on how much is consumed. Many times, pets don't consume mass quantities of tree material, but it is still good to be aware of the risk.

COMMON CLINICAL SIGNS

Signs most commonly seen with toxic plant ingestion relate to the gastrointestinal tract: vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and sometimes excessive salivation (drooling). In some cases, such as holly berry ingestion, tremors or seizures could occur, followed by coma and death.

WATCH YOUR PLANTS AND YOUR PETS

Monitor your pet's interest in the plants. To be 100 percent safe, do not bring toxic live plants into your house. If you are unsure about a plant, look it up to check toxicity. Monitor your pet's interest in eating plants and place plants out of reach. Check the plants for any signs of chewing or missing leaves.

PROTECT YOUR PETS



Winter weather and animals

Dogs might seem to have more fun in the cold than people do, but long-term exposure can be dangerous. Animal control officers warn that the bitter cold is dangerous to animals, and state law requires owners to provide protection in extreme weather. As temperatures drop Madison County Animal Care and Control receives daily calls from concerned citizens when they see animals outside.

Katherine Condor, animal care and control manager, said the public should take into consideration the weather and what type of shelter a dog stays in outside. She said her office gets calls daily for welfare checks when the temperature is below freezing and snow is on the ground.

Illinois state law requires dogs to have food and fresh, drinkable water, as well as a shelter consisting of at least three walls and a roof. Some people put a water bowl partially into the ground in an effort to keep the water from freezing, or there are heated bowls available.

When Madison County receives complaints, animal control officers will check on the dog's condition and see if state laws regarding shelter, food and water are being met. If laws are being met, Condor said there is not much that can be done.

Condor said breed can play a role in how an animal reacts in the cold.

"Some dogs are made for cold weather more than others," Condor said. "You know, the little Chihuahuas probably can't hang like the Huskies can."

Illinois' Humane Care for Animals Act was amended in 2016 to include a line that says no cat or dog owner can leave their pet in extreme heat or cold to the extent that the animal is injured or killed. If the animal is injured or killed, then the police get involved. The first offense is a Class A misdemeanor — which means up to a year in jail, and a \$2500 dollar fine.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

Keep your home humidified and dry your pet with a towel as soon as he comes in from the cold. Make sure the animal's feet are free of snow. Wash your pet's feet and stomach after a walk to remove ice, salt and chemicals.

Fully bathe your pets as little as possible during cold weather. Too many baths can get rid of essential oils. If you must give your pet a bath, use a moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse.

Use petroleum jelly or other paw protectants on paws before going out. You can go as far as putting on booties to keep sand and salt away from their pads. When possible, use pet-friendly ice melts on your sidewalks.

Don't shave your dog in the winter. A longer coat will give your dogs more insulation. If your dog is a short-haired pup, consider a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck. Also make sure it covers from the base of the tail to the belly.

Feed your pet a little more during winter months and make sure he has enough to drink. Pets burn extra energy trying to stay warm. The extra water can keep him hydrated and his skin less dry.

Make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep, off of the floor and away from drafts.

If it's too cold for you outside, it's too cold for your pet. Pets left outside can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or even killed. And don't let them in a car. Cars can act as refrigerators and can hold the cold in and cause animals to freeze to death.



Make your own Santa pet treats

Doggie Donuts



Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Cup Oats
- 1/3 Cup Coconut Oil
- 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter
- 2 Eggs

For the topping:

- Greek Yogurt
- Bacon Bits

Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Spray a donut pan with cooking spray and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients (except yogurt and bacon bits). You can mix with a spoon or use your hands (super fun for kids!). Mix until a dough forms.
3. Use your hands to press the dough into the donut pan. Fill each donut cavity and press firmly to ensure everything sticks together (it won't rise, so you should make sure each space is tightly packed).
4. Bake in your preheated oven at 375 degrees for approximately 14 mins or until cooked completely.
5. Allow to cool, then carefully remove the donuts from the pan. Now you're ready to decorate them.
6. Set out a small bowl of plain Greek yogurt and another of bacon bits. Dip each donut carefully in the yogurt, then sprinkle with bacon bits.
7. Place your finished donuts in the freezer for a few moments to harden the yogurt.

Ingredients

- 5 oz tuna in water drained
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup wheat flour
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 tablespoon catnip

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
3. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl until combined.
4. Form into a dough. Dough will be sticky.
5. Place dough onto a floured surface.
6. Pull off small pieces of dough and roll into small balls.
7. Push the dough down so the treat is the size of a nickel and place on parchment paper.
8. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.
9. Serve after cooled completely.

Catnip Cat Treats



DECEMBER EVENTS

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Dec. 1

GRANITE CITY APA ANIMAL SHELTER
ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRIVIA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
ADULTS
17TH KENNEDY DRIVE
MADISON, IL
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM - TRIVIA STARTS 7:00 PM

8 PLAYERS PER TABLE
 \$120.00/TABLE OR \$15/PERSON
 TO RESERVE: CALL 618-558-0581
 DRAFT BEER AND SODA PROVIDED
 MIXED DRINKS MAY BE PURCHASED
 *** PRIZE MONEY AWARDED FOR TRIVIA WINNERS ***

PET PHOTO CONTEST
 BEER BARREL RAFFLE
 MULLIGANS
 LOTTO TICKET RAFFLE
 50/50 DRAWING
 SILENT AUCTION

BRING YOUR SNACKS & WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!!!
ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE APA ANIMALS



Dec. 1

METRO EAST HUMANE SOCIETY

YAPPY PAWLIDAYS

Dec. 2



Dec. 2

WAGS 'n WINE

For a DOGGONE good time!



Join us for wine sampling,
light appetizers, music and fun!

TICKETS:
 \$25.00 per person in advance
 \$30.00 per person at the door
 *Cash Bar Available
 To purchase tickets, please visit:
www.hoperescues.com



All proceeds to benefit HOPE ANIMAL RESCUES

Quarter Auction for Granite City APA

Dec. 3



Decades Trivia

Hosted by Edwardsville High School Animal Rescue Club
 Benefits Partners For Pets

Vendors! Games! Raffles!
 Bring your own food and drinks!

December 7th
\$80 table of 8
 Doors open at 6 trivia starts at 6:30

NO ALCOHOL!
 Register using the EHS Animal Rescue Club Trivia Night event page on Facebook

EHS High School Commons

The Gingham Buffalo and Partners 4 Pets are teaming up this holiday season for

PHOTOS WITH SANTA!

BRING YOUR (WELL BEHAVED) PETS TO GET THEIR PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA

December 8th The Gingham Buffalo 11am - 2pm

All proceeds benefit Partners 4 Pets. Donations are also welcome!

Did someone say TREATS?

\$10 PER PHOTO

Human AND dog treats will be available for you and your 4 legged friends!



Dec. 8



Dec. 31

PARTNERS FOR PETS FUNDRAISER

Join us at a Blues game and help us raise money at the same time!
 The St. Louis Blues will donate \$5 for every ticket sold to Partners For Pets!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 at 6:00 PM

ST. LOUIS BLUES VS NEW YORK RANGERS

OPTIONS TO ORDER

Visit blues.mylivemusic.com
 Call Martin Ramirez at 314-585-6000 or email ramirez@partnersforpets.com

Plaza Center	\$134
Plaza End	\$72
Blue Chip	\$60
Mezz Center	\$44
Mezz End Low	\$42
Mezz End	\$36

*Seating chart may vary

enterprise

Hope Rescues Christmas Bake Sale
Dec. 22
Petco, Edwardsville





Unleash the HOUNDS

Name, Age & Breed

Bubs, 14, Dachshund
Dog (pronounced Dough-
j), but I go by Dodo, 6,
Basset Hound
Dexter, 4, Basset Hound
Brownie, 9 months,
hound mix

Favorite Place?

Bubs: *Is there any
better place than on
the couch?*

Dexter: *The couch is
the best.*

Squeaky or Bouncy?

Brownie: *Both. I'm young
and like to play and Dexter
is the only one who will.
The others are too old.*

Dexter: *I enjoy playing,
but Brownie can wear me
out. He wears her out with
all that energy.*

Guilty Pleasure

Bubs: *Take lots of naps. I'm
old and I enjoy them.*

Brownie: *Getting to spend
time with her because she calls
me her "foster fail." She
brought me and my sibling
home from Stray Rescue until
a home could be found. Guess
what? I'm still around 'cause
she loves me.*

Occupation: Nap takers & professional thieves
(*steal any and all food we can*)

Owner: Kimberly Beard, Animal Care and
Control Clerk

Favorite Food?

Dodo: *It's not dog food. We all
love pizza. Our favorite kind
is meat lovers.*

Bubs: *I know we shouldn't
have it, but who doesn't love
pizza?*

Do you have any special talents?

Brownie: *I'm still young, but I
can catch my yum-yum treats.
I learned from the older ones.*

Bubs: *I mostly lay around, but
still like my yum-yums.*

It's the weekend, what are your plans?

Dodo: *If it's warm enough I
want to be outside basking in
the sun.*

Dexter: *I agree. Love being
outside in the sun, laying
around.*

What's something annoying that your person does?

Bubs: *You're joking? You mean you don't know?*

Dodo: *It's when she comes home smelling like other dogs.*

Dexter: *That smell. It's how you know she's cheating on us.*

Brownie: *I don't get it. Why does she smell like that?*



CHRISTMAS COLORING

