

NEWSLETTER



Pet Healthy Holidays

About now, you are putting away the Halloween decorations and starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season.

Our pets can have lots of fun with us during the holidays, from visiting Santa at the local pet retailer, to making home made biscuits to share with puppy friends at the dog park.

Just like children, it is important to keep their routine as regular as possible. Remember an extra walk or play time on those evenings when you may be going out shopping or visiting with friends and leaving them behind.

Remember to schedule boarding reservations early and be certain that all your pets vaccinations for boarding are up-to-date. If you are traveling with your pet, you may refer to our previous newsletter, *Traveling With your Pet*, for

some ideas about preparing for your trip.

Keep in mind that not all pets are good hosts. When having guests in your home consider the temperament of your pets. If necessary, provide them with a 'safe' place to spend their time away from the noise and comotion.



The following is a list to help you have a happy healthy holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

Holly's Peanut Butter Goodness Dog Treats

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
 1 1/2 cups white flour
 1/2 cup peanut butter (all-natural or organic)
 1 cup water
 2 tablespoons oil

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Combine oil, peanut butter and water. Add flour, one cup at a time, forming a dough. Knead dough into firm ball and roll to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into 3 to 4 inch pieces. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 20 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen dog biscuits.

Holiday Hours November - January 2011

Thanksgiving 11/25: Closed
 Nov. 26: Normal hours
 December 24: Closing at noon
 December 25: Closed
 December 31: Normal hours
 New Year's Day: Closed

Holiday Do's and Don'ts

Holiday Do's:

Lot's of extra play time on those holiday days off. Find a new trail, or dog park to explore.

Get a new dog/cat collar and updated tags as a stocking stuffer.

Consider the new non-toxic flameless candles to accent your home. Keep candle flames away from cats and dogs curious paws. NEVER leave candles unattended.

Take time to secure wires, and batteries away from reach. Electrical wires from holiday lights can deliver lethal shock or burns.

Anchor Christmas trees securely and prevent pets from drinking water from the tree base.

Keep breakable ornaments, high and away from dogs and cats. Tinsel is beautiful, but cats love to play with the twinkling thread like material. It can cause vomiting and blockage in the intestine. Find alternative pet friendly decorations. Watch out for heated ornaments and hooks.

Consider an indoor training class this winter for high energy pups!

Toy do's: Balls, chew treats that will digest when swallowed, Kongs stuffed with treats that can be safely digested.

Cat toys that enrich their environment: climbing trees and perches, balls, scratching posts or boards made of sisal, toys to chase, and pounce on. Consider hanging a bird feeder outside a convenient window for hours of pleasure.

Holiday Don'ts:

Holiday spicy, or fatty leftovers in Pooch's or Kitty's bowl. They often lead to costly medical bills if not digested well.

Mistletoe and holly are toxic. Various varieties of lillies can cause kidney failure. Parts of other common holiday flowers like poinsettias are also toxic.

Chocolate (stimulent) and sugar free gum (low blood sugar, liver failure). Call us if you have questions.

Toy: no no's: Stringy dog or cat toys that can become a foreign body if swallowed. Monitor soft toys for parts that come off and might be swallowed.

Remember to always "trade-up" for anything that you are taking away from your dog!



ENJOY!