5 Tips For Keeping Your Pet Safe During The Festivities

The Christmas and New Year period is a time to celebrate with our friends and families at the end of a busy year. However for our furry friends at home, paw-ties and celebrations can be stressful and sometimes hazardous.

Here are our Top 5 tips for keeping your pets safe this festive season. 😸🐶

1. Keep your dog away from foods such as chocolate, avocados, macadamias, onions, and nuts and raisins. They are toxic for dogs and can cause severe illness. Also avoid overfeeding - especially fatty foods which can cause gastrointestinal upsets or pancreatitis.

2. Place Christmas lights and electrical cords out of reach of curious kittens and pups. Electrical cords can look like a tasty chew toy to many pets!

3. Secure your pet in a safe and quiet area away from fireworks, loud parties and strangers. Thunder jackets or pheromone diffusers such as Feliway or Adaptil may assist with keeping your pet calm around loud noises. You may wish to consider boarding your pet elsewhere overnight. In cases of severe anxiety, please consult with our vets about desensitisation techniques or possibly medications.

4. While we're out partying and visiting friends and relatives, our pets can suffer from separation anxiety and boredom, which can also lead to destructive habits. Make sure that your pets have free access to food, water and shelter while you are gone. Provide them with chew toys and activities to keep them mentally stimulated, and consider a pet-sitting service to check on them and take your dog out for a walk.

5. Keep your pets safe around the pool safety by ensuring that fences are pet-proof. Cover gaps and check regularly for holes or tunnel digging. Keep furniture away from the fence to prevent your dog from jumping over. Invest in a flotation device or life jacket to help keep your dog afloat while you teach them how to reach the pool steps. Teach your dog where the stairs are. Consider graduated steps if building a pool, or install a non-slip ramp. Remove any tarps or nets if you are going out.

We hope these tips help to keep your furbabies safe and happy this Christmas and New Year!
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