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Holiday Considerations for your Pets

The holidays will be in full swing in a matter of days and the Humane Society of Central Oregon is reminding people to keep pets safe during family gatherings. Consider the following tips to keep pets safe and comfortable in the home and to prevent any accidents from occurring.

Family Gathering Tips to Follow

- **New People and a Busy Household:** Make family gatherings a positive and safe experience for your pet. Introduce new people to pets with care and don't let the dog or cat dash out the door as people enter your home. **Current and legible ID tags ensure a quick and safe return home.**
- **Foods:** Too much fatty, rich, or even just new types of food can give your pet diarrhea, vomiting, pancreatitis or gastroenteritis all of which can be very painful and serious.
- **Bones:** Bones can tear up or obstruct your pet's insides. Place your table scraps in secure covered garbage containers or outside in the garbage can.
- **Strings and ties:** Often used to tie up the turkey during roasting can tie up your pets insides too.
- **Alcoholic Drinks:** An ounce of alcohol can poison a small dog.
- **Chocolate:** Keep chocolate away from dogs. Chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and even death in dogs.
- **Desserts:** In large quantity they can cause stomach upset and diarrhea.

Call your veterinarian or the animal emergency clinic if your pet exhibits any unusual symptoms. For more information call the Humane Society of Central Oregon at 382-3537.

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