

Lake Country Veterinary Care Newsletter



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Let's Talk About:

- ◆ **Holiday Safety**
- ◆ **Food Drive**

Keep the Holidays Safe for your Pets!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and SAFE holiday season. With that in mind, we have a few words of caution.

Recently one of our patients was a bit too eager to help his owner finish a bag of potato chips. Unfortunately the outcome was not good. In fact it was a very sad event. The dog tried to finish the crumbs while the owner was gone and got his head stuck in the bag. When they came home they found he had suffocated. The really sad part is this has happened to 2 different patients at our clinic. We have heard of many instances when cats have gotten their head stuck in plastic bags or the loops of grocery bags. Never leave those bags around, especially the ones that stand open. Throw them out or put in a safe container. A good container that I have found, (and it is a green container), is an empty container from household disinfecting wipes. It has a wide opening and bags are easily stored for re-use. Oatmeal containers work well also.

Another caution is Christmas paraphernalia. Ribbons, decorations, ornaments and tinsel can be hazardous for your pets. Dogs could chew up glass ornaments, cats could eat tinsel and ribbon, anything could happen when you are not home and the consequences can be life threatening.

Please remember to think about these things and don't get so busy that your unattended pets get into trouble. A few moments to prevent problems can be well worth your while.

Help Others and Save!

Holiday help (or any day help) is here. We are supporting the Waukesha County food pantry and would encourage all of our clients to help us. For every 2 nonparishable food items donated, we will credit your account \$1.00 on services. Donations accepted 11/16/09 - 12/31/09.

We Appreciate Your Referrals!

*A \$10 Credit will be added to your account for referring others to Lake Country Vet.
Thank you for your support!*

***Properly trained,
a man can be a
dog's best friend.***



*Am I on the naughty
or nice list?*