

# CHRISTMAS PET PERILS!



There's so much fun to be had at this time of year! Do you love Christmas as much as we do?!

So, you may be wondering if there's anything we need to keep out of paw's reach during the festive period. And well done for thinking that, because yes, there are a few things to be aware of when it comes to keeping our four-legged friends safe! Check out our top tips...

## DECORATIONS



There are lots of lovely decorations that can cause some problems for our pets - many that are hanging from the Christmas tree! If your pet is likely to 'play' with the Christmas tree, make sure decorations are hung a little higher up the tree and never leave them unattended with the tree.

**Baubles** - baubles look like balls, which are lots of fun for cats and dogs to play with! And when they're hanging from a tree, they're even more tempting. But glass baubles can break, so hang them up high where possible.

**Lights** - if your pet is likely to chew things on your tree, don't use any lights. They can cause an electric shock if nibbled on and pets can get caught in them.

**Tinsel** - so sparkly and pretty, and very tempting to our curious companions! Don't allow your pet to chew tinsel as it can cause problems in their tummy and intestines.





# FOOD – NAUGHTY OR NICE?

Christmas is definitely a time to indulge in lots of lovely food! So which foods are naughty for our pets?

On the naughty list - these foods can cause tummy upsets, injuries and some are toxic. So as much as you want to share with your pets, don't share any of these!

- Chocolate
- Raisins, sultanas and currants
- Onions and garlic
- Nuts
- Alcohol
- Bones - especially cooked bones
- Fatty food (certain meats)



# CHRISTMAS PLANTS

There are a few popular Christmas plants that can be toxic to our pets. Make sure you avoid...

- Poinsettia
- Holly
- Mistletoe



Lots of pets love this time of year and having lots of people around to spoil them. But if your pet gets a bit worried about all the noise and fun that comes with having people visiting, try giving them a safe space that they can retreat away to. A pet den is perfect, filled with their favourite toys and blankets, that they can spend some quiet time in if they'd like to.