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Be the Paw-fect Valentine!

Keep Pets Away From These Valentine's Day Dangers...



There are several different varieties of flowers and plants that are poisonous or harmful to pets.

Different plants and flowers have varied effects.

Many flower species can be poisonous to your pet, including: lilies, oleanders, azaleas, daffodils, baby's breath, begonias, carnations, and chrysanthemums (to name a few).

Lilies are especially toxic to cats.

Symptoms of lily poisoning (even in small doses) includes: dehydration, lack of appetite, drooling, vomiting, lethargy & tremors.

Chocolate, even in the smallest amounts, can cause serious health problems.

The darker the chocolate, the more harmful it is, with baking chocolate being the most toxic to pets.

Initial symptoms: stomach upset, vomiting, & diarrhea.

Symptoms: tremors, increased heart rate, hyperactivity, dehydration, heart failure, seizures, or it can even be fatal.

Candles attract the curiosity of your pets.

An unattended flame can quickly cause burns if a curious pet gets too close.

To Do: never leave candles, or a fire lit in the fireplace, in an unsupervised room.

To avoid fires, use flameless battery-operated candles vs. lighted wax candles.

Potential harmful decorations includes: ribbons, string, tape, bows, balloons, or wrapping paper.

These items can become a choking hazard if swallowed; or can become entangled in their intestines & cause major damage.

Symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, or even intestinal blockage (which could require surgical removal).

To Do: after the gifts are opened, be sure to properly discard any leftover materials.

Even a small amount of alcohol can cause serious illness in pets.

Symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, lack of coordination, central nervous system depression, tremors, difficulty breathing, metabolic disturbances, or even coma.

Potentially fatal respiratory failure can also occur if a large enough amount is ingested.

To Do: remove opened bottles & unfinished glasses when leaving the room unattended, and clean up spills.

Xylitol, an artificial sweetener, is toxic to pets.

This sugarless sweetener is in many candies and gums.

Symptoms: low blood sugar, vomiting, weakness, & liver failure.