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November 2016 Newsletter

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Pet Safety Tips for the Thanksgiving Holidays

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Thanksgiving is a time for friends, family, and holiday feasts - but it can also be a time for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on not-so pet-friendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.



Check out the following tips for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too:

- ❖ **Talkin' Turkey:** If you decide to feed your pet a small bite of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer your pet raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria. Do not give your pet the left over carcass - the bones can be problematic for the digestive tract.
- ❖ **No Bread Dough:** Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him access to raw yeast bread dough. When a dog or cat ingests raw bread dough, the yeast continues to convert the sugars in the dough to carbon dioxide gas and alcohol. This can result in bloated drunken pets, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring hospitalization.
- ❖ **Don't Let Them Eat Cake:** If you plan to bake Thanksgiving desserts, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs - they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.
- ❖ **A Feast Fit for a King:** While your family enjoys a special meal, give your cat and dog a small feast of their own. Offer them made-for-pets chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner - perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and dribbles of gravy - inside a food puzzle toy. They'll be happily occupied for a while, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.
- ❖ **Skip the Sweets:** By now you probably know not to feed your pets chocolate or anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- ❖ **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.
- ❖ **Careful with Cocktails:** If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill, and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

- ❖ A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, it's best keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.

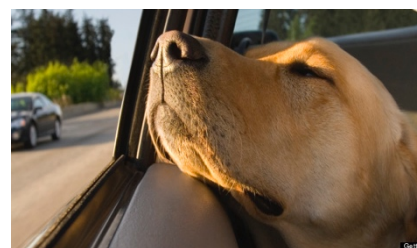
Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

- ❖ **House Rules:** If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.
- ❖ **Put the Meds Away:** Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.
- ❖ **A Room of Their Own:** Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles... and Pets! **Traveling for the Holidays – not just for people anymore!**

The Huffington Post

Family vacations are no longer just for two-legged children. According to a study by AAA and Best Western International, more than half of U.S. pet owners take their cats and dogs with them when they travel. If you're looking to hit the road or fly the skies with your canine companion or feline friend, we've got tips to make the trip as smooth as possible.



Road trips with Rover

- ❖ **Trial run.** Before embarking on a long trip, take some shorter drives to see how your pet responds. Does he get anxious? Car sick?
- ❖ **Buckle up.** About 30,000 accidents are caused each year by an unrestrained dog in the front seat, according to the AAA. Pets freely wondering the vehicle aren't only a distraction to the driver, but they're also more likely to be injured in the event of an accident. You can help ensure a safe trip by [restraining your furry friend](#) with a pet barrier, pet seat belt, pet car seat or travel crate.
- ❖ **Keep heads and paws inside.** Your dog may enjoy sticking his head out the window, but riding this way could cause ear damage or expose your pet to lung infections, according to the ASPCA.
- ❖ **Prepare for the worst.** Attach a second tag to your pet's collar that includes the address and phone number of where you'll be staying during your trip. Also, bring your pet's medical records along in case of an emergency.
- ❖ **Pit stops.** The American Veterinary Medical Association advises pet owners to stop every two to three hours for your pet to use the bathroom and get some exercise.
- ❖ **Hydrate.** The ASPCA recommends keeping a gallon of cold water on hand to ensure your pet stays sufficiently hydrated during the trip.
- ❖ **Don't leave them alone!** On an 85-degree day, the temperature [inside a car](#) with the windows cracked can reach 110 degrees in 10 minutes, which can be deadly. If you'll be visiting a destination where pets aren't allowed, leave them at a pet-friendly hotel — or at home — instead of the car.

Flying with Fluffy

- ❖ **Fit to fly.** If your pet is very young, very old, or not in good health, it's best to leave your pet at home. Also, some breeds don't travel well in cargo, such as snub-nosed dogs like pugs, which are prone to breathing difficulties. Many major airlines no longer allow such breeds to fly in the cargo hold.
- ❖ **Do your research.** [Regulations and fees](#) vary depending on airlines and whether your pet flies in the cabin or as [checked baggage](#). Be sure to check an airline's history of flying animals. [Incidents of pets being lost](#), injured or dying have increased in recent years. Currently, about 15 major carriers provide [monthly incident reports](#) to the DOT, which list pet-related incidents.
- ❖ **Consider a pets-only airline.** [Pet Airways](#) offers climate-controlled cabins outfitted with individual crates, and a flight attendant checks on the animals every 15 minutes. After landing, pets are given a bathroom break, and can be picked up by their owners at the airline's Pet Lounge at participating airports.
- ❖ **Pet papers.** If you're traveling outside the country, find out what vaccinations your pet will need and if quarantine is required.
- ❖ **Prepare the carrier.** Purchase a kennel that has room for your pet to turn around and stand without hitting its head. If your pet hasn't traveled before, spend some time getting the animal used to being in the carrier. Airlines

have different crate dimension requirements, but the USDA requires the following: food and water dishes, “Live Animal” stickers, upright arrows and bedding.

- ❖ **ID tags.** Attach contact information to both your pet’s collar and its carrier.
- ❖ **Exercise.** Before the flight, play with your cat or take your dog for a walk. The more tired your pet is, the more likely it is to sleep during the trip.
- ❖ **Relax.** Lavender oil may help your pet relax. It is known as an “association scent” that can help your pet relax while flying. In the weeks before the flight, put a drop of oil on your hands at feeding times or before walks. Once onboard, “the positive association will allow him to calm down and remain relaxed.”

Other pet travel tips

- ❖ Consult your veterinarian before embarking on a trip, especially if your pet hasn’t traveled before or if there are any health concerns.
- ❖ Keep a familiar blanket or toy with your pet to help it feel more comfortable during the trip.
- ❖ If your pet gets nervous when traveling, consider getting a [Thundershirt](#). These snug-fitting shirts target pressure points, and veterinarians often recommend this drug-free option for animals that suffer from anxiety.
- ❖ Book [pet-friendly hotels](#), and look for destinations where you’re allowed to take your canine companion or feline friend. [GoPetFriendly.com](#) offers a wealth of information on these topics.

Cat of the Month – Meet Macy!

I was born October 2013 and came to the shelter the week of Thanksgiving (named after that famous Thanksgiving Day parade!) with my three siblings, who have since found their forever homes. A kind soul found and rescued us right before a big winter freeze - our chances for survival would have been thin. I hear them say a lot how fabulous I am, and how I would make a great kitty for someone, if only given the chance.

I’m a sweet little dilute tortoiseshell. I absolutely love people *and* other cats. I have a great personality, and I love attention and belly rubs. I often come when called, which is quite charming of me. Aren’t you in love?



Dog of the Month – Meet Barkley!

I’m a pug mix about 7-8 months old. These nice people here rescued me from animal control. I don’t know how I managed to end up there, but now I’m safe, and patiently waiting for my forever home!

I’m still a puppy so I need someone who will help me become the best puppy out there! I’m high energy, so don’t expect me to lay around. I mean, come on, there’s a lot of stuff to explore! We can sleep later! If you can keep up with me and want someone to keep you busy, too, we could really have some fun!



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Hip Hip Hooray! Adopted since last newsletter:

Cats: Kelly, Aladdin, Flynn Rider, Shrek

Dogs: Annaloo, Chloe

Regular Reminders!

Support Our Shelter While Shopping

Don't forget that you can support our shelter when shopping at Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, which offers the same selections and prices, and designate **Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County Texas** as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds to our shelter.

Free Spay and Neuter Offered

Due to the generosity of a kind donor, the Freeman-Fritts Vet Clinic has a limited dog and cat spay/neuter fund available. This fund allows us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries (including Rabies Vaccination) for your cat or dog. Call for an appointment 830-257-4144. Some restrictions may apply. *Note: Any thank you notes received are forwarded to our donor.*

Come check us out at
Kerr County Market Days & Hill Country Swap Meet

Come Enjoy a Great Saturday in Kerrville!
Original arts & crafts, giant flea market and rummage sale!
2016 Schedule: Nov 5, Dec 3
8 AM - 3 PM

Admission is free. Parking is free. Leashed pets are welcome.

Hill Country Youth Event Center
3705 Highway 27, Kerrville, Texas 78028

Visit <http://www.kerrmarketdays.org> for more information

Items we can always use!

Cat & Dog Necessities	Cleaning Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats• TidyCats – Non-Clumping• Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)• Meow Mix• Fancy Feast Dry & Canned (Pate)• Friskies Canned – Pate• Pupperoni• Dog & Cat Beds• Baby Blankets• Large Cat Trees & scratching posts• Break-away Cat Collars (both cat & kitten sizes)• Dog collars & leashes (small & medium preferred)• Cat Toys• Dog & Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dawn Dish Soap• Clorox Bleach• Clorox Wipes• Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)• Paper Towels• Large Covered Litter Boxes• Cat Litter Scoops• Hand Towels• Towels (All Sizes)