



Winter 2013 Happy Holidays!

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Holiday Tips to Keep Your Pets Safe this holiday season and every day of the year!

Holly, Jolly and Oh-So Safe! Of course you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. And be sure to steer them clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

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(Source: ASPCA website.)

O CHRISTMAS TREE Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

TINSEL-LESS TOWN Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

NO FEASTING FOR THE FURRIES Do not feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising fur kid 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.

TOY JOY Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Choose gifts that are safe. Dogs have been known to tear their toys apart and swallow the pieces, which can then become lodged in the esophagus, stomach or intestines. Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer—and tons of play sessions together.

FORGET THE MISTLETOE & HOLLY Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies, can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

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.

WIRED UP Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.

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.

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.

NEW YEAR'S NOISE As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears.

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.

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Featured Senior Dog: Jason

Jason is desperately seeking a place to call home. He is losing his foster home and is headed for boarding. Any dog in boarding upsets us, but Jason happens to be a senior, which is even more heartbreaking. SNARR pulled Jason from the euthanasia list at NYCACC. Because of the terrible and neglected condition he was in, he was aged at 14. It turns out Jason needed a life saving surgery to remove his spleen. Since his surgery, this boy has shown us he has PLENTY of life to live. The vets now believe him to be younger. Jason is extremely affectionate, loves to cuddle and LOVES his people. He also loves to play ball! Jason however, prefers to be an only pet as he can get jealous of others stealing the attention. A trainer evaluated his behavior and believes he can be worked on with his resource guarding around other dogs, but he needs a very dog savvy home (no cats). Because we know that an older dog is harder to place, our rescue group is willing to continue paying for Jason's care now and for the future. Currently he is considered healthy and has no specific issues that need tending to. We are just desperate to find a soft pillow for him to lay his head at night. This boy is all cuddles and love with his humans and we are at a loss of where to put him. We know a senior Pittie mix who is not good with other animals is a very tough placement, but we know there is one right family out there for him!!!

Apply to adopt or foster at
<http://nycsecondchancerescue.org/app-form/>



Featured Senior Cat: Franny

Hi, I am FRANNY and I have been waiting a LONG time for a new loving home. I am a very sweet kitty who is at first shy but once I get to know you, my shyness goes away. I love to talk and give headbutts! I hope that someone will want to adopt me soon! I am with BARKS in Stanhope NJ and you can **email for more info about me at info@barksinc.com**.

ON THE COVER

Coco and Gigi are an 11 yr. old bonded brother/sister Jindo pair. They are sweet seniors who require little more than a safe place to call home and a little love and affection. They are happy to nap all day long and are content with short walks. They are a bonded pair and must be adopted together. They were surrendered to a high kill shelter after one of their owners died. They would do best in an adult home without other pets.

Email info@treasuredk9s.org for adoption information



Senior Dogs Available for Adoption



Gabe, a poodle, was abandoned by owners who thought he could fend for himself. He now needs a loving home where he can retire in style! Email for adoption information.

Contact miracleswithpaws@hotmail.com



Bailey is a German Shepherd Malamute Mix. She is 12 and very easy going. She gets along with other mellow dogs. Contact Second Chance Pet Adoption League in Oakridge, NJ.

Contact njwoof@cs.com or 973-208-1054

Westie is a 14 year old poodle looking for a quiet home to rest his head! Just had a dentistry and he follows around his foster mom and is good with the dogs and cats in the home.



Contact info@anarchyanimalrescue.org



Hope is a 10-year-old female lab/shepherd mix. She has extensive ligament damage and can walk independently but does have arthritis. Hope needs LOTS of TLC in a new home.

Contact OSCARRescue@yahoo.com Sparta NJ

Shoby is an 9 year old female Briard mix who weighs 80 pounds. She is good with people and some dogs, cats not tested. She is a blue-eyed beauty and very unique looking. Go meet her in Rockaway NJ



Contact mainoffice@ehrdogs.org



Gia, a 10-year-old Staffordshire terrier, was abandoned by her family. She is a total mush and just wants to cuddle and lay on the couch. She is housetrained and mellow and needs to be your only pet.

Contact info@mightymutts.org



Laura is a female chocolate Labrador who is 7. She is quiet and calm indoors and has excellent manners. She would love a family to share her life with as an only dog.

Contact mainoffice@ehrdogs.org



Rocky is a 10-year-old 65 pound boxer who needs a new home. Good with kids but needs to be your only pet. He is in great shape and still very energetic. This loving dog really needs affection and attention!

Contact info@adoptaboxerrescue.com

Senior Cats Available for Adoption

Hazel is a 14 year old DSH whose owner died. She was adopted and returned but now would like her final home with someone who leads a quieter lifestyle.



Contact K9kastle@aol.com

Cassie, senior calico has found herself without a home. Her fosters say she is more and more affectionate with people now but would like to be your only cat.



Contact infinitehope@infinitehoperescue.org

Montie is an 8 year old female cat who is on the quiet side except at mealtimes. She is polite and also playful. Montie is with Kitty Kind and you can also email emily10012@aol.com for adoption information.



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Mr Rockwell was living under a porch for two years getting attacked by feral cats. He is 8 and does ok solo or with older mellow cats only.

Contact info@timberslegacy.org

Riley, 10, is a female DSH who is affectionate and social. She likes to hide under the covers and loves the laser pointer. She can be adopted as a companion to your cat or as a solo cat.



Contact adopt@anjelliccats.com



Little, 12 is a DSH not happy about living in a shelter setting, but he is slowly getting used to it and allows staff to pet him. He is ok with other cats as long as they treat him right! You can visit the shelter in Bloomfield, NJ. 973-748-0194

Contact AdoptAtBAS@yahoo.com

Esmirelda is a gorgeous calico cat. She takes time to settle in but once she does she owns the place. She is 12 and is fine with other cats or could be adopted alone. She takes thyroid meds.



Contact brooklynbridgeanimals@yahoo.com



Kingston, 9, is an affectionate boy who enjoys two things—attention and eating! When he gets you alone, he just loves to cuddle up to you.

Contact info@foranimalsinc.com

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Winston, left; Anna, middle; Lucy, right.

DEAR READER,

The past year has been a good one for Senior Pets NYC.

We got Winston, our 12 year old chocolate Labrador, a home after 10 months! Now Anna, his mom, has adopted another senior dog, a female chocolate lab Lucy, who is 10. Winston cannot stop wagging his tail! Thanks Anna for giving two senior dogs one great home.

Senior Pets NYC is also rescuing an older beagle, Kinley, and has a new foster home in New Jersey. Thanks to foster parents Karen, and Jim, we are able to get Kinley here and find her a permanent home. We continue to post older dogs and cats on our blogs so please visit us at www.seniorpetsnyc.org and www.bodiesbeagles.blogspot.com if you are looking to adopt an older dog, or a cat.

Best wishes for the season and the New Year.



Like the new, improved look of the newsletter? Senior Pets NYC would like to thank Carmen Laube, our newsletter volunteer. Thanks so much Carmen for making our newsletter look more professional. Where have you been for the past eight years, LOL!!

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Cartoon drawn by our wonderful cartoonist, Jessica Zimmer. Thanks !!Jessica!



GO FETCH! BY BODIE

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, and Merry Christmas! This is Bodie, saying wow, what a year and it's almost over!! I visited Florida, became friends with Scooter the cat, got some lumps looked at and am having surgery to remove a big lump.

Also going to get my teeth cleaned. I have bad teeth just like my mom—must run in the family—LOL! I still love to sleep and eat and visit the pet store daily for my treats! I still like to do my tricks and try to get mom to do them every morning. I turned 8 November 1st. But I did not have a party this year. Maybe next year.

I hope that everyone has a great holiday and that you get good treats. Mom has a beagle rescue now, SOB/Saving Older Beagles. Thanks Beth for the great logo!! This is Bodie—saying, there is no such thing as a bad treat.