

# Thanksgiving

## PET SAFETY



### Family & Guests

- Inform guests not to feed your pet any table food during the celebration. Keep a selection of pet-friendly treats available for guests to share instead.
- Prepare an enrichment toy (such as a Kong) to give your pet while the rest of the family is eating.
- Guard entrances so that pets do not escape.
- Extra friends and family in the home may cause pets to feel nervous and anxious. Make sure pets have a safe place to go such as a crate or spare bedroom.

### Unattended Food & Drink

- Guard beverages, especially those containing sugar or alcohol.
- Unattended plates of food can be licked clean very quickly, giving your pet access to many dangerous foods.
- Dispose of meat bones where pets can't get them.
- Secure garbage can lids.
- Keep pets away from counter tops and tables where they can gain quick access to hazardous foods.
- Secure pets in a safe room of the house where food does not present a danger.

### FOODS TO AVOID

#### High Fat Foods

Can cause pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas)

- Turkey
- Buttery Dishes
- Fried Dishes
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Casseroles
- Desserts

#### Toxic Foods

Ingestion of these require an immediate visit to the veterinarian.

- Bread dough
- Onions
- Raisins, grapes
- Xylitol (sugar substitute)
- Certain spices/oils - (sage)
- Chocolate
- Avocado

Should your pet experience an emergency this Thanksgiving, contact your primary care veterinarian, or contact one of our UVS Locations.

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