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Keep Your Cat Safe During Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day a time for family to gather, eat huge turkeys and watch football. Oh, and don't forget your pets. No, not that they want to eat turkey (you know they do!) or watch football, but you need to be careful because there are many "hidden holiday hazards" that can hurt cats and your other pets.

Here are a few tips to keep kitty safe:

NO BONES FOR ME THANKS!

While turkey bones may be a tempting treat for your cat, don't give to them! They can splinter off and puncture their stomach or intestinal tract. Make sure that the bones on your plates and the picked-clean carcass are wrapped in a plastic bag, and properly disposed of out of kitty's way.

HMMM....CHOCOLATE AND OTHER TREATS SOUND GREAT.....

But can take you and kitty to the emergency room. Don't let your cat eat any sweets. Don't sit sweets out where they can get to them. Make sure children visiting know NOT to give treats (i.e. sweets) to your cats. And pick up any plates with leftover desserts to ensure your fab feline doesn't eat something he/she shouldn't!

KEEP ME SAFE IN A ROOM OR CRATE.

Although your cat probably would love wandering around the house and visiting family and friends, the best thing to do is put them in a room that no one will enter or in a crate. If you put them in a crate, make sure they have room for water, food and a pan. Make it a comfy, safe environment for them. You don't want a visitor opening the front door or garage and out goes kitty!

OH, ARE THOSE FLOWERS FOR ME?

You'd be surprised how many cats love to nibble on fresh flowers. The equate it to grass so if you decide to have fresh bouquets at your dinner table, please make sure that kitty isn't able to get to them. And if you MUST have flowers, research flowers that are non-toxic and make a bouquet out of those pretty plants. Also, if you have fresh flowers, don't use the packet of "flower fresh" in the water. It's toxic to your cat. A little sugar in the water will keep the flowers fresh.

NO, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO COOK...

But I sure love being in the kitchen with you. Uh huh. Well, hot stoves are dangerous for kitty. Candles are dangerous. Boiling water is dangerous. Bones (like we've discussed) is dangerous. Do I need to go on? In other words, don't let your cat in the kitchen the entire day. Make sure you have some nice turkey canned food (or some fresh turkey minced up) to give him/her so they don't feel left out.

BUT I REALLY DIDN'T MEAN TO EAT THAT.....

Geez. Well, you never know what a cat will do. So if you DO have an emergency, make sure you have the closest emergency clinic's phone number handy, and the Poison hotline. If you do everything listed above, you won't need it!

Have a HAPPY and SAFE holiday...you and your cat(s)!