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## BROUGHER COMPANION ANIMAL SHELTER

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### HOLIDAY HAZARDS

#### Valentine's Day



**Flowers and candy**-Many types of flowers and plants found in bouquets are harmful to dogs and cats if they are ingested. Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures. In severe cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

#### Easter



**Fake grass**-This colorful "grass" may look appetizing to your pets, but it could cause them to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested.

**Small toys and other plastic items**-If swallowed, small toys and plastic Easter eggs can cause your pet to choke or even damage their intestinal tracts.

#### Fourth of July



**Fireworks**-Fireworks can scare your pets making them run off. Fireworks can also cause serious injuries if detonated near your pet. Many formulations are even toxic if ingested.

#### Halloween



Repeatedly opening doors to greet tick-or-treaters can increase the chances of your pets running out the door. Keep an eye on their whereabouts at all times. If feasible keep cats in a secure area or closed room when opening doors.

**Candles**-Pets are naturally curious and may be attracted to the bright lights of the flame in the darkness. Dogs and cats can either burn themselves by the flame or knock the candle over and start a fire.



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**Xylitol**-Candy and gum sweetened with Xylitol is toxic and should be kept away from pets.

**Chocolate**-All forms of chocolate can be harmful to your pet, potentially resulting in poisoning or even pancreatic inflammation from the high fat content.

### Thanksgiving



**Bones**-Turkey, chicken and other small animal bones are very different from the large bones you find at the pet store. These small bones splinter easily and can cause serious internal damage if swallowed.

**Hot containers**-Your pet will most likely become curious when they smell something cooking. Keep an eye on hot containers so your pet doesn't get burned or tip them over!

### Christmas



**Holiday plants**-Christmas rose, Holly, Lilies and Mistletoe are all are all toxic to dogs and cats.

**Ribbons**-It may look cute but placing a ribbon around your pet's neck can cause them to choke

**Bubbling lights**-Older forms of this beautiful decoration may contain methylene chloride, which is a highly toxic chemical.

**Angel hair (spun glass)**-Can be irritating to eyes and skin, and could cause intestinal obstruction if eaten in large amounts.

**Christmas tree water**-Stagnant tree water or water containing preservatives could result in stomach upset if ingested.

**Ornaments**-These can look like toys to cats and dogs, but they can cause serious injury especially if broken and swallowed.

**Tinsel**-Can cause choking or internal trauma if swallowed.

### New Year's



**Balloons and Confetti**-These fun decorations can cause your pets to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested. Keep an eye on your pets when they are around these items.

**Loud noises**-New Year's is typically a noisy holiday. Unfortunately, loud noises frighten pets and can cause them to run off. Keep your pets in a separate room away from loud noisemakers, music and other loud sounds that may startle them.