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Enjoying Thanksgiving with Your Pet





There is nothing better than gathering with family and friends for the holidays, eating, drinking, and putting up festive decorations. While enjoying this time of year pet owners should be aware of potential hazards that certain treats can pose to our furry friends. So here are a few safety tips regarding treating your pet to a few nibbles of your Thanksgiving leftovers.

 **Gobble Gobble - Talkin' Turkey.** Giving your pet a small nibble of turkey is OK — just make sure that it's boneless and fully cooked. Raw or undercooked turkey can contain salmonella bacteria, and dogs can choke on bones, which splinter easily.

 **A Feast Fit for a Kong.** While the humans are chowing down, consider giving your cat and dog their own little feast. Stuff bits of turkey, dribbles of gravy or vegetables such as sweet potatoes and

green beans inside a Kong toy. They'll be happily occupied for hours trying to get their meal out, and way too busy to come begging for table scraps.

 **Sage Advice.** This herb makes stuffing taste great, but sage also contains some essential oils and resins that can cause pets to suffer an upset stomach and has also been known to cause problems with the central nervous system, either way it's not worth the risk, so find other treats you can share.

 Even though you are planning for the holidays it is important not to change your pet's food or exercise schedule. These daily activities are a routine for your pet and changing this might cause them to become insecure. Add this to the crowds and commotion of Thanksgiving, and you could be increasing your pets stress level.

For more information on animal safety, please visit www.aspca.org

November Is 'Adopt a Senior Pet' Month

Thousands of homeless senior dogs and cats rarely get adopted or ever find loving new homes.

Here are 10 reasons to consider adopting an adorable senior dog this month:



1. When senior dogs are adopted, they seem to understand that they've been given a second chance at life, and they are all the more thankful for it.
2. A senior dog's personality has already developed, so you'll know if he or she is a good fit for your family.
3. You can teach an old dog new tricks. Senior dogs have the attention span and impulse control that makes them easier to train than their youthful counterparts.
4. A senior dog may very well already know basic commands anyway.
5. In particular, senior dogs are often already house trained.
6. A senior dog won't grow any larger, so you'll know exactly how much dog you're getting.
7. Senior dogs are often content to just relax in your company, unlike younger dogs, who may get into mischief because they're bored.
8. Speaking of relaxing, senior dogs make great napping buddies.
9. Senior dogs know that chew toys, not shoes, are for chewing.
10. Senior pets are some of the hardest to find homes for, so when you adopt a senior dog, you are truly saving a precious life.

