



**TULSA SPCA**

## SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**DO** pet-proof your decorations. Broken ornaments can cut tongues and paws. Tinsel can block digestive systems. Chewed electric cords can lead to electrocution. Tie the Christmas tree with fishing line to a hook in the ceiling or to a wall stud. Keep candles out of reach and in your sight. You can also try placing a dog playpen around the Christmas tree. The pen will help prevent dogs from messing with the Christmas tree and presents.

**DO** keep your pets in a closed, quiet room during parties to protect guests from over-excited animals and animals from guests who slip them scraps, leave drinks unattended or forget to close outside doors.

**DO** keep your pets on a consistent schedule. Holidays can be hectic. Prevent as much stress as you can.

**DO** keep plants out of reach. Poinsettias make cats and dogs sick. Holly and mistletoe are poisonous.

**DO** keep your pets out of the water in the Christmas tree stand. Stagnant water breeds bacteria and any preservatives or color additives may be poisonous.

**DON'T** sneak turkey to Fluffy. Sharing holiday favorites with those adorable, begging faces may seem like good idea at the time but you risk a lot when you do this. Many of the seasons dished contain ingredients that are harmful or toxic to dogs and cats. At the least, the food will probably make them sick.

### FOODS TOXIC TO DOGS AND CATS

ITEMS TO AVOID	REASONS TO AVOID
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	CAN CAUSE INTOXICATION, COMA AND/OR DEATH.
BONES FROM FISH, POULTRY OR OTHER MEAT SOURCES	CAN CAUSE OBSTRUCTION OR LACERATION OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.
CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, TEA AND OTHER CAFFEINE	CONTAIN CAFFEINE, THEOBROMINE OR THEOPHYLLINE, WHICH CAN BE TOXIC AND AFFECT THE HEART AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS.
CITRUS OIL EXTRACTS	CAN CAUSE VOMITING.

FAT TRIMMINGS	CAN CAUSE PANCREATITIS.
GRAPES AND RAISINS	CONTAIN AN UNKNOWN TOXIN THAT CAN DAMAGE THE KIDNEYS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH GRAPE SEED EXTRACT.
HUMAN VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS CONTAINING IRON	CAN DAMAGE THE LINING OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM AND BE TOXIC TO THE OTHER ORGANS, INCLUDING THE LIVER AND KIDNEYS.
LARGE AMOUNTS OF LIVER	CAN CAUSE VITAMIN A TOXICITY, WHICH AFFECTS MUSCLES AND BONES.
MACADAMIA NUTS	CONTAIN AN UNKNOWN TOXIN, WHICH CAN AFFECT THE DIGESTIVE AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS AND MUSCLE.
MARIJUANA	CAN DEPRESS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, CAUSE VOMITING, AND CHANGES IN THE HEART RATE.
MILK AND OTHER DAIRY PRODUCTS	SOME ADULT DOGS AND CATS DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF THE ENZYME LACTASE, WHICH BREAKS DOWN THE LACTOSE IN MILK. THIS CAN RESULT IN DIARRHEA. LACTOSE-FREE MILK PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PETS.
MOLDY OR SPOILED FOOD, GARBAGE	CAN CONTAIN MULTIPLE TOXINS CAUSING VOMITING AND DIARRHEA AND CAN ALSO AFFECT OTHER ORGANS.
MUSHROOMS	CAN CONTAIN TOXINS, WHICH MAY AFFECT MULTIPLE SYSTEMS IN THE BODY, CAUSE SHOCK AND RESULT IN DEATH.
ONIONS AND GARLIC (RAW, COOKED, OR POWDER)	CONTAIN SULFOXIDES AND DISULFIDES, WHICH CAN DAMAGE RED BLOOD CELLS AND CAUSE ANEMIA. CATS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE THAN DOGS. GARLIC IS LESS TOXIC THAN ONIONS.
PERSIMMONS	SEEDS CAN CAUSE INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION AND ENTERITIS
POTATO, RHUBARB, AND TOMATO LEAVES; POTATO AND TOMATO STEMS	CONTAIN OXALATES, WHICH CAN AFFECT THE DIGESTIVE, NERVOUS AND URINARY SYSTEMS. THIS IS MORE OF A PROBLEM IN LIVESTOCK.
RAW EGGS	CONTAIN AN ENZYME CALLED AVIDIN, WHICH DECREASES THE ABSORPTION OF BIOTIN (A B VITAMIN). THIS CAN LEAD TO SKIN AND HAIR COAT PROBLEMS. RAW EGGS MAY ALSO CONTAIN SALMONELLA.
RAW FISH	CAN RESULT IN A THIAMINE (A B VITAMIN) DEFICIENCY LEADING TO LOSS OF APPETITE, SEIZURES AND, IN SEVERE CASES, DEATH.

MORE COMMON IF RAW FISH IS FED REGULARLY.

SALT	IF EATEN IN LARGE QUANTITIES, IT MAY LEAD TO ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCES
STRING	CAN BECOME TRAPPED IN THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM; CALLED A "STRING FOREIGN BODY."
SUGARY FOODS	CAN LEAD TO OBESITY, DENTAL PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLY DIABETES MELLITUS.
TABLE SCRAPS (IN LARGE AMOUNTS)	TABLE SCRAPS ARE NOT NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED. THEY SHOULD NEVER BE MORE THAN 10% OF THE DIET. FAT SHOULD BE TRIMMED FROM MEAT; BONES SHOULD NOT BE FED.
TOBACCO	CONTAINS NICOTINE, WHICH AFFECTS THE DIGESTIVE AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS. CAN RESULT IN RAPID HEARTBEAT, COLLAPSE, COMA AND DEATH.
YEAST DOUGH	CAN EXPAND AND PRODUCE GAS IN THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM, CAUSING PAIN AND POSSIBLE RUPTURE OF THE STOMACH OR INTESTINES.

## ADDITIONAL FOODS TOXIC TO DOGS

ITEMS TO AVOID	REASONS TO AVOID
CAT FOOD	GENERALLY TOO HIGH IN PROTEIN AND FATS.
HOPS	UNKNOWN COMPOUND CAUSES PANTING, INCREASED HEART RATE, ELEVATED TEMPERATURE, SEIZURES, AND DEATH.
PITS FROM PEACHES AND PLUMS	CAN CAUSE OBSTRUCTION OF THE DIGESTIVE TRACT.

## ADDITIONAL FOODS TOXIC TO CATS

ITEMS TO AVOID	REASONS TO AVOID
CANNED TUNA (FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION)	LARGE AMOUNTS CAN CAUSE MALNUTRITION, SINCE IT LACKS PROPER LEVELS OF VITAMINS AND MINERALS.
DOG FOOD	IF ACCIDENTAL INGESTION, WILL NOT CAUSE A PROBLEM; IF FED REPEATEDLY, MAY RESULT IN MALNUTRITION AND DISEASES AFFECTING THE HEART.

## Indoor and Outdoor Plants that are Toxic to Animals

### -A-

**Acacia**

**Acocanthera** (flowers, fruit)

**Aconite** (leaves, flowers, roots)

**Acorns**

**Agapanthus**

**Alfalfa** (foliage)

**Almond** (seeds)

**Aloe Vera** (sap)

**Alocasia**

**Alsike Clover** (foliage)

**Amanita**

**Amaryllis** (bulbs)

**American Yew** (needles, seeds, bark)

**Amsinckia** (especially seeds)

**Andromeda Japonica**

**Angel Vine**

**Angel's Trumpet** (especially seeds)

**Angel's Wings** (leaves, stems, roots)

**Antherium** (leaves, stems, roots)

**Apple** (seeds)

**Apple of Peru** (especially seeds)

**Apple Leaf Croton**

**Apricot** (inner seed)

**Arrowgrass** (foliage)

**Arrowhead Vine** (leaves, stems, roots)

**Asian Lily**

**Asparagus Fern** (shoots, berries)

**Australian Nut**

**Autumn Crocus**

**Avocado** (fruit, pit, leaves)

**Azalea**

### -B-

**Baby's Breath**

**Baneberry**

**Banewort**

**Bayonet Plant** (foliage, flowers)

**Beargrass**

**Beech**

**Belladonna**

**Bird of Paradise** (seeds, fruit)

**Bitter Cherry** (seeds)

**Bitter Nightshade** (especially berries)  
**Bittersweet** (especially berries)  
**Black Cherry** (especially black berries)  
**Black-Eyed Susan**  
**Black Locust**  
**Black Nightshade** (unripe berries)  
**Blackie**  
**Bleeding Heart**  
**Bloodroot**  
**Blue Flag** (bulbs)  
**Blue-Green Algae**  
**Bluebonnet**  
**Boston Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**Bouncing Bet**  
**Boxwood**  
**Brackenfern; Braken Fern**  
**Brake Fern**  
**Branching Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**Buckeye**  
**Buckthorn**  
**Buddhist Pine**  
**Bulbs** (bulbs)  
**Bull Nettle**  
**Buttercups** (new leaves, stems)

## **-C-**

**Cactus** (leaves, stem, milky sap)  
**Caladium**  
**Caley Pea**  
**Calfkill**  
**Calla Lily**  
**Camphor Tree**  
**Candelabra Cactus**  
**Candleberry Tree** (immature seeds, sap)  
**Carolina Horsenettle**  
**Carolina Jessamine**  
**Castor Oil Plant** (especially seeds)  
**Castor Bean** (especially seeds)  
**Ceriman** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Chalice Vine**  
**Charming Dieffenbachia**  
**Cherry**  
**Cherry Laurel** (foliage, flowers)  
**Chicken-Foot Tree** (seeds, sap)  
**Chicks**  
**Chinaberry Tree** (berries)

**Chinese Evergreen**  
**Chinese Inkberry** (fruit, sap)  
**Chinese Lantern** (leaf, unripe fruit)  
**Chinese Tallowtree** (seeds, sap)  
**Chlorophytum**  
**Choke Cherry** (seeds, bark)  
**Christmas Flower**  
**Christmas Plant**  
**Christmas Rose** (foliage, flowers)  
**Chrysanthemum**  
**Cineraria**  
**Cineria**  
**Clematis**  
**Climbing Nightshade**  
**Clover** (foliage)  
**Cocklebur** (seeds, seedlings, burs)  
**Coffee Tree Plant**  
**Common Burdock** (burs)  
**Common Nightshade**  
**Common Privet** (foliage, berries)  
**Common Tansy** (foliage, flowers)  
**Coral Plant**  
**Cordatum**  
**Coriaria**  
**Corn Lily**  
**Corn Plant**  
**Cornflower**  
**Cornstalk Plant**  
**Corydalis** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Cowslip** (new leaves, stems)  
**Crab's Eye** (beans)  
**Creeping Charlie**  
**Crocus**  
**Croton** (foliage, shoots)  
**Crowfoot** (new leaves, stems)  
**Crown of Thorns**  
**Cuban Laurel**  
**Cuckoo Pint**  
**Cultivated Bleeding**  
**Cultivated Larkspur**  
**Cutleaf Philodendron**  
**Cycads**  
**Cyclamen** (foliage, flowers, stems)  
**Cypress Spurge** (foliage, flowers, sap)

**-D-**

**Daffodil**  
**Daphne** (berries, bark, leaves)  
**Datura**  
**Day Lily**  
**Deadly Nightshade**  
**Death Camas**  
**Death Cap Mushroom**  
**Decentrea**  
**Delphinium**  
**Destroying Angel Mushroom**  
**Devil's Backbone** (leaves, stems)  
**Devil's Cherries**  
**Devil's Herb**  
**Devil's Ivy**  
**Devil's Trumpet**  
**Dieffenbachia**  
**Divale** (especially black berries)  
**Dogbane** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Doll's Eyes**  
**Dracaena** (foliage)  
**Dracaena Palm** (foliage)  
**Dragon Tree** (foliage)  
**Dumbcane** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Dutchman's Breeches**  
**Dwale** (especially black berries)  
**Dwarf Larkspur**  
**Dwayberryall** (especially black berries)

## **-E-**

**Easter Flower** (leaves, stem, milky sap)  
**Easter Lily**  
**Eggplant** (all parts but fruit)  
**Elaine**  
**Elderberry**  
**Elephant Ears** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Emerald Duke**  
**Emerald Feather**  
**Emerald Fern**  
**English Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**English Yew** (needles, seeds, bark)  
**Ergot**  
**Eucalyptus**  
**Euonymus**  
**Euphorbia** (foliage, flowers, sap)  
**European Bittersweet**

**European Spindle Tree**  
**Evergreen**  
**Everlasting Pea**

**-F-**

**False Cactus** (leaves, stem, milky sap)  
**False Flax** (seeds)  
**False Hellbore**  
**Fan Weed** (seeds)  
**Ferns**  
**Feverfew** (leaves, stalks)  
**Ficus** (sap, peel)  
**Fiddle-Leaf Fig**  
**Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron**  
**Fiddleneck** (all parts above ground)  
**Field Peppergrass** (seeds)  
**Fitweed**  
**Flag** (bulbs)  
**Flamingo Plant**  
**Flax** (foliage and seed pods)  
**Fleur-de-lis** (bulbs)  
**Florida Aspen** (seeds, sap)  
**Florida Beauty**  
**Fly Agaric**  
**Four O'Clock**  
**Foxglove** (leaves, stems, flowers, seeds)  
**Foxtail Barley** (seed heads)  
**Fruit Salad Plant** (leaves, stems, roots)

**-G-**

**Gelsemium**  
**Geranium**  
**German Ivy** (all parts above ground)  
**Ghost Weed** (leaves, stem, milky sap)  
**Giant Dumbcane**  
**Gill-Over-The-Ground**  
**Glacier Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**Gladiola** (bulbs)  
**Glory Lily**  
**Gold Dieffenbachia**  
**Gold Dust Dracaena** (foliage)  
**Golden Chain** (flowers, seeds)  
**Golden Pothos**  
**Gopher Purge**  
**Grapes** (also see Raisins)

**Greaseweed**  
**Great Morel** (especially black berries)  
**Green Dragon** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Green False Hellebore**  
**Green Gold Nephthysis**  
**Ground Ivy**  
**Groundsel**

## **-H-**

**Hahn's Self-branching English Ivy**  
**Halogeton**  
**Heartleaf**  
**Heartland Philodendron**  
**Heavenly Bamboo**  
**Hellebore** (foliage, flowers)  
**Hemlock**  
**Henbane** (seeds)  
**Hens-and-Chicks**  
**Hibiscus**  
**Holly** (berries)  
**Honeysuckle**  
**Horse Nettle**  
**Horse Chestnut**  
**Horsebeans**  
**Horsebrush** (foliage)  
**Horsehead Philodendron**  
**Horsetail**  
**Hurricane Plant** (bulbs)  
**Hyacinth** (bulbs, leaves, flowers)  
**Hydrangea**

## **-I-**

**Impatiens**  
**Indian Laurel**  
**Indian Poke**  
**Indian Rubber Plant**  
**Indian Tobacco**  
**Indian Turnip** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Inkberry**  
**Iris**  
**Iris Ivy**  
**Ivy** (leaves, berries)

## **-J-**

**Jack-in-the-Pulpit** (leaves, stems, roots)

**Jamestown Weed**

**Janet Craig Dracaena** (foliage)

**Japanese Show Lily**

**Japanese Yew** (needles, seeds, bark)

**Jasmine** (foliage, flowers, sap)

**Jatropha** (seeds, sap)

**Java Bean** (uncooked beans)

**Jequirity Bean** (beans)

**Jerusalem Cherry** (all parts)

**Jessamine** (fruit, sap)

**Jimson Weed**

**Johnson Grass** (leaves, stems)

**Jonquil**

**Juniper** (needles, stems, berries)

**Jungle Trumpets**

## **-K-**

**Kalanchoe** (leaves, stems)

**Klamath Weed** (all parts)

## **-L-**

**Laburnum** (flowers, seeds)

**Lace Fern**

**Lacy Tree Philodendron**

**Lambkill**

**Lantana** (foliage, flowers, berries)

**Lantana Camara**

**Larkspur**

**Laurel**

**Lilies** (all species - all parts)

**Lily-of-the-Valley**

**Lily Spider**

**Lima Bean** (uncooked beans)

**Lobelia**

**Locoweed**

**Lords and Ladies**

**Lucerne** (foliage)

**Lupine**

## **-M-**

**Macadamia Nut**

**Madagascar Dragon Tree** (foliage)

**Majesty**

**Manchineel Tree** (sap, fruit)

**Mandrake** (all but ripe fruit)  
**Marble Queen**  
**Marigold** (new leaves, stems)  
**Marsh Marigold** (new leaves, stems)  
**Mattress Vine**  
**Mauna Loa Peace Lily**  
**Mayapple** (all but ripe fruit)  
**Meadow Death Camas**  
**Mescal Bean**  
**Mexican Breadfruit**  
**Mexican Poppy**  
**Milk Bush**  
**Milk Vetch**  
**Milkweed** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Milo** (foliage)  
**Miniature Croton** (foliage, shoots)  
**Mistletoe** (berries)  
**Mock Orange** (fruit)  
**Monkshood** (leaves, flowers, roots)  
**Moonseed** (berries)  
**Morning Glory**  
**Mother-in-Law Tongue** (foliage)  
**Mountain Laurel**  
**Mountain Mahogany** (leaves)  
**Mushrooms**

## **-N-**

**Nap-at-Noon**  
**Narcissus**  
**Naughty Man's Cherries**  
**Needlepoint Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**Nephthytis** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Nettles**  
**Nicotiana** (leaves)  
**Nightshade** (all parts, especially berries)  
**Nutmeg** (nut)

## **-O-**

**Oak** (buds, young shoots, sprouts, acorns)  
**Oleander**  
**Onion**  
**Orange Day Lily**  
**Oriental Lily**

## **-P-**

**Panda**  
**Panther Cap Mushroom**  
**Parlor Ivy**  
**Peace Lily**  
**Peach** (pits, wilting leaves)  
**Pencil Cactus**  
**Pennyroyal** (foliage, flowers)  
**Peony** (foliage, flowers)  
**Periwinkle**  
**Peyote** (buttons)  
**Philodendron** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Pie Plant** (leaves, uncooked stems)  
**Pigweed**  
**Pimpernel** (foliage, flowers, fruit)  
**Pin Cherry** (seeds)  
**Pinks**  
**Plumosa Fern**  
**Poinsettia** (leaves, stem, milky sap)  
**Poison Hemlock**  
**Poison Ivy**  
**Poison Oak**  
**Poison Weed**  
**Pokeberry**  
**Pokeweed**  
**Popcorn Tree** (immature seeds, sap)  
**Poppy**  
**Potato** (sprouts, vines, unripe tubers)  
**Pothos**  
**Precatory Bean** (beans)  
**Prickly Poppy**  
**Primrose**  
**Privet** (foliage, berries)  
**Psilocybin Mushroom**  
**Purple Foxglove**

## **-Q-**

**Quaker Bonnets**  
**Queensland Nut**

## **-R-**

**Ragwort** (all parts above ground)  
**Rain Tree**  
**Raisins** (also see Grapes)  
**Rattle Box** (entire plant)  
**Red Clover** (foliage)

**Red Emerald**  
**Red Lily**  
**Red Margined Dracaena**  
**Red Maple** (leaves)  
**Red Princess**  
**Red Sage** (foliage, flowers, berries)  
**Red-Margined Dracaena** (foliage)  
**Rhododendron**  
**Rhubarb** (leaves, uncooked stems)  
**Ribbon Plant** (foliage)  
**Richweed** (leaves, flowers, stems, roots)  
**Rosary Pea** (beans)  
**Rosemary Pea**  
**Rubber Plant**  
**Rubrum Lily**

## **-S-**

**Saddle Leaf**  
**Sago Palm**  
**Satin Pothos**  
**Schefflera**  
**Scotch Broom**  
**Scouringrush**  
**Senecio** (all parts above ground)  
**Sensitive Fern**  
**Sheep Laurel**  
**Silver Pothos**  
**Silver Queen** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Singletery Pea**  
**Skunk Cabbage** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Smartweeds** (seeds)  
**Snake Plant**  
**Snapdragon** (foliage, flowers)  
**Snow on the Mountain**  
**Snowdrop**  
**Soapwort**  
**Sorghum** (foliage)  
**Spathiphyllum**  
**Split-leaf Philodendron**  
**Spotted Cowbane**  
**Spotted Dumb Cane**  
**Spotted Water Hemlock**  
**Spring Amanita**  
**Spurges**  
**Squirrelcorn** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Squirreltail Barley** (seedheads)

**St. Johnswort**  
**Staggerweed** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Star Jasmine** (foliage, flowers)  
**Star of Bethlehem**  
**Stargazer Lily**  
**Stinging Nettle** (leaves, stems)  
**String of Pearls** (all parts above ground)  
**Straight Margined Dracaena**  
**Striped Dracaena** (foliage)  
**Sudan Grass**  
**Sweet Cherry** (seeds)  
**Sweet Pea**  
**Sweet Potato Vine**  
**Sweetheart Ivy** (leaves, berries)  
**Swiss Cheese Plant**  
**Syngonium**

## **-T-**

**Tangier Pea**  
**Tansy Mustard**  
**Tansy Ragwort** (all parts above ground)  
**Taro Vine** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Tarweed** (all parts above ground)  
**Texas Mountain Laurel**  
**Thornapple**  
**Tiger Lily** (leaves, stems, flowers, bulbs)  
**Tinsel Tree**  
**Tobacco** (leaves)  
**Tolguacha - flowering**  
**Tomato** (foliage, vines, green fruit)  
**Touch-Me-Not**  
**Toyon**  
**Tree Philodendron**  
**Tri-Leaf Wonder** (leaves, stems, roots)  
**Trillium** (foliage)  
**Tropic Snow Dieffenbachia**  
**Trumpet Lily**  
**Trumpet Vine**  
**Tulip** (bulbs)  
**Tung Oil Tree**  
**Tung Tree**

## **-U-**

**Umbrella Plant**

## **-V-**

**Variable Dieffenbachia**  
**Variegated Philodendron**  
**Variegated Wandering Jew** (leaves)  
**Velvet Grass** (leaves)  
**Velvet Lupine**  
**Venus Flytrap**  
**Verbena** (foliage, flowers)  
**Vinca Vine** (all parts)  
**Virginia Creeper** (sap)

## **-W-**

**Walnut** (green hulls)  
**Wandering Jew** (leaves)  
**Warneckei Dracaena**  
**Water Hemlock**  
**Weeping Fig**  
**West Indian Lantana**  
**White Clover** (foliage)  
**White Hellebore**  
**White Sanicle**  
**White Snakeroot**  
**White Wax Berry** (immature seeds, sap)  
**Wild Barley** (seedheads)  
**Wild Black Cherry** (leaves, pits)  
**Wild Bleeding Heart**  
**Wild Call**  
**Wild Radish** (seeds)  
**Wire Vine**  
**Wisteria** (seeds, pods)  
**Wolfsbane** (leaves, flowers, roots)  
**Wood Lily**  
**Wood Nettle** (leaves, stems)  
**Woody Aster** (entire plant)

## **-Y-**

**Yellow Jasmine**  
**Yellow Oleander**  
**Yellow Pine Flax**  
**Yellow Sage** (foliage, flowers, berries)  
**Yellow Star Thistle** (foliage, flowers)  
**Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow**  
**Yews** (all Yews: American, English, Western Yew - needles, seeds, bark)  
**Yucca**