

VALENTINE'S DAY PET SAFETY TIPS

Valentine's Day celebrations can be fun for people, but many common holiday items can be dangerous for pets. Keep your pets safe this Valentine's Day by watching out for these common hazards.



Chocolate & Candy

Chocolate contains theobromine, which is toxic to dogs and can cause:

- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Rapid heart rate
- Tremors or seizures

Dark chocolate and baking chocolate are especially dangerous.

Tip: Keep candy, desserts, and gift baskets out of reach.

Flowers & Plants

Some popular Valentine's Day flowers can be harmful to pets.

- Lilies are extremely toxic to cats
- Rose thorns can cause mouth or paw injuries
- Decorative greenery may upset the stomach

Tip: Place bouquets where pets cannot access them.

Romantic Meals & Table Scraps

Many Valentine's Day foods are unsafe for pets, including:

- Fatty foods (can cause pancreatitis)
- Garlic and onions
- Alcohol

Tip: Stick to your pet's regular diet and avoid table scraps.

Wrapping, Ribbons & Decorations

Ribbons, bows, and wrapping paper may look like toys but can cause:

- Choking
- Intestinal blockages
- Emergency surgery

Tip: Clean up wrapping materials immediately after opening gifts.

Candles & Decorations

Open flames and décor can be risky for curious pets.

- Burns or fires from knocked-over candles
- Ingestion of small decorative items

Tip: Use flameless candles and supervise pets around decorations.

Medications

Human medications and supplements can be extremely dangerous if ingested by pets.

Tip: Store all medications securely and check floors and counters for dropped pills.

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