



# Holiday Plants & Neurological Toxins

## Keep Pets Safe This Season

From the specialists in companion animal neurology (SCAN)

## Holiday Plants to Watch Out For



### Poinsettia

- Mildly toxic; causes mouth irritation, drooling, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Not usually life-threatening, but symptoms can destabilize pets with neurologic disease.



### Mistletoe

- More dangerous, especially European varieties.
- Can cause vomiting, diarrhea, low heart rate, weakness, or rarely seizures with large ingestions.



### Holly

- Leaves and berries contain irritating toxins.
- Causes drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy; spiny leaves may injure the mouth.
- Illness can worsen existing neurologic conditions.

### Why Neurologic Pets Are at Higher Risk

- Vomiting or diarrhea can trigger seizures or worsen weakness.
- Toxin effects may mimic neurologic symptoms.
- Neurologic pets may be less aware and more likely to chew unsafe items.

### Holiday Safety Tips

- Keep poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly completely out of reach.
- Supervise pets around decorations and centerpieces.
- If ingestion occurs: Call your veterinarian or emergency hospital immediately.

## We're Here to Help

If your pet has a neurologic condition, even mild illness can matter.

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