## Joy to the world... – incl. all animals Hazards for pets during the holidays



Holiday season is one of the most wonderful times of the year, however, it entails a few hazards especially for dogs and cats. If we are aware of these, we can make sure we eliminate them in time and therefore create a joyful and peaceful holiday atmosphere for all.

**Christmas Tree:** Animals are equally fascinated by a christmas tree as we are. Cats are tempted to climb on them and dogs love to chew on the branches. Therefore, the tree must be secured and kept from toppling over. Please also make sure your pet cannot drink out of the tree holder.

**Christmas Ornaments:** Animals love to play with tinsel, ornaments and all the other glittery beautiful decoration objects around. The bulbs can fall and splinter, and cause cuts or worse. Other objects can be swallowed and cause intestinal injuries.

**Gifts:** Rustling paper and ribbons hold a magical attraction to some animals. However, they can cut themselves with the paper, get caught up in the ribbons and then panic and, in the worst case, strangle themselves. Dogs like to swallow small bits of paper. Therefore, make sure you clear everything up as soon as you have finished handing out and unwrapping your gifts.

**Holiday meals:** Treat also your four-legged friends to a treat - just make sure it is suitable for them. There are even advent calendars for dogs and cats. Remind yourself that our food is not always compatible with a pet's stomach, especially chocolate is toxic for dogs and cats.

**Christmas plants:** Traditional Christmas plants, such as the most appreciated poinsettia or the amaryllis, have no place in a household with pets. They are poisonous.

**Candles:** Even just slight contact while playing can cause burns or even a fire. It goes without saying that burning candles should never be left unattended.

**Fairy lights:** Fairy lights should only be used if you are sure that your pet won't chew through the cables. An electric shock can be fatal.

**Fireworks:** Avoid using fireworks for the sake of all animals. Even if your pet remains calm and relaxed, for others it is sheer horror. If your pet is afraid, provide a quiet shelter for them.

## We wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!





Because every life matters!