

# Puppy Love

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## Holiday Hazards

We all love this time of year and all of the celebrations that come with it. But, if your little doxie gets sick or hurt due to any of the things that make the season special then your holidays aren't going to turn out so merry. Develop a plan to avoid problems so your doxie can be part of the fun and stay safe. Some hazards to consider are listed below.

\*Ornaments look like nifty balls and new toys and it is natural for your doxie to want to play with them. Swallowed Christmas decorations can cause serious injuries.

\*Tinsel and ribbons when swallowed can bunch up in the intestines, potentially leading to a blockage that could prove fatal.

\*Chewing on holiday lights and extra power cords create a risk of being burned and electric shock.

\*Pine needles that fall off, or are chewed off an evergreen tree can cause gastrointestinal upset.

\*Typical holiday bouquets made of lilies, mistletoe, rosemary, and holly berries are highly poisonous to dogs. Poinsettias are mildly poisonous.

\*Tree water contains preservatives and can be harmful when

## Toxins at the Table



As much as you would enjoy sharing turkey leftovers with your little doxie it is a very bad idea. Turkey skin, meat trimmings and gravy are high in fat and can cause him to have an upset stomach, or even worse, a potentially lethal inflammation of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. Turkey bones are very dangerous because they are brittle and can splinter causing the bones to get stuck or lacerate parts of her digestive tract as they go down. The best advice is to play it safe and dispose of all hazardous turkey parts immediately or you could end up in the emergency room over the holidays.



Don't  
Forget the  
Chocolate...

Consuming chocolate can be fatal to a dog!