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What are you getting your Spot for Christmas?

Don't forget Spot's shop has entire range of great high quality toys from West Paw Design and Planet Dog for your SPOT all \$20 and under. We also have treats, beds, jackets, collars and leashes, and much more to choose from.

Happy Holidays from all us at SPOT! Have a great and safe holiday!



Kate Teri Megan Hailey



Jen Nancy Nicholas and...Alana in Australia

tremors or even death. Even a ¼ ounce of baker's chocolate or 10 ounces of milk chocolate can cause serious problems for a 10-pound dog.

Xylitol: a common sweetener in baked goods and candies; may cause a drop in blood sugar resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. Dogs (like us) will take the opportunity to get a treat when no one is looking - be extra aware and vigilant

Alcohol: if ingested, may cause vomiting and weakness; in abundance, even coma and death.

Turkey bones: cooked bones may splinter and cause intestinal blockages or lodged in their teeth and throat; watch the garbage!

Greasy, spicy or fatty foods: may cause stomach upset; keep your dog on its regular diet.

Overfeeding: Just because they are so cute and if everyone is "slipping" then treats or handouts this will add up quickly and cause stomach issues, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

HOLIDAY PLANTS

Holly, mistletoe & poinsettias: may cause vomiting, diarrhea and intestinal upset; keep out of reach.

Christmas Tree: decorations may lead to a blocked airway if chewed and swallowed; use non-breakable decorations and keep high on the tree or watch your dog like a hawk. Other hazards around the tree to watch for are: **tree water** which may contain fertilizers or stagnant tree water can be a breeding ground for bacteria; both of which can lead to vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea if ingested so keep it covered. **Electric cords** if chewed could be very dangerous so hide or cover cords up. And last but not least **tinsel!** It can get caught in the intestinal track and cause an obstruction and if it comes out the other end it can be nasty too!

THE NOT SO FUN TOYS

Toys (people's): batteries from toys and games contain corrosives and if ingested can cause ulceration in the mouth and intestinal tract. Also watch out for **small pieces** from toys and games. Ever wonder what happened to that missing puzzle piece? **Dogs' Toys:** avoid purchasing toys with small or soft pieces that can be chewed and swallowed. West Paw (a favourite at Spot's Shop) makes very durable and pliable rubber toys that last! Watch the wrap and ribbon too any of these items are ingested do not assume they will just pass through.

If you suspect that your dog has eaten any hazardous treats or trimmings, immediately contact your veterinarian or call the National Animal Poison Control Centre at 1-888-426-4435 (24/7). Be prepared and keep this number and your vets near your phone.

December Birthdays: Bella Glover, Simon Lee, Lorelei McCauley, Quincy Anthony, Sacha Sanders, Sophie Cunningham, Zoey Nydam, Bentley Sweeley, Legolas Cedargreen, Enzo Metz, Dougal Park, Slipsen Demchenko, Scoobe Risvas, Katie Ketchen, Bibi Saulus, Cooper Campbell, Shadow

Newton, Kiva Nielsen, Simba Hum, O'MalleyThompson, Toby Woods, Emma Woods, Jason Menzies, and Daisy Yuen.

Come see us on your birthday for a free day of daycare. Happy Birthday!!

December and Holiday closures.

We will be open December 24th until noon and then closed on December 25th through to January 4th and reopen at 7AM on Monday January 5th, 2009.

LOVE & HEAD RUBS!!

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