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ASPCA Thanksgiving Safety Tips

Tis the season for friends, family and holiday feasts—but also possible trouble for our pet friends. They won't be so thankful if they munch on undercooked turkey or a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or sample any unattended alcohol.

ASPCA experts have some tips for a great Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy too:

Talkin' Turkey

Turkey fed to our furry family should be boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella.

Sage Advice

Sage is delicious to us, but it and many other herbs contain essential oils and resins that can cause pets gastrointestinal issues and central nervous system depression if eaten in large quantities, especially in cats.

Don't Let Them Eat Cake

Keep your dogs from sampling the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs—they can contain salmonella, which may lead to food poisoning.

Too Much of a Good Thing

Here and there, a little turkey, mashed potato, or even pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, moderation is key, as they could wind up with an upset stomach, diarrhea or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. Pets are actually best kept on their normal diets for the holidays.



No Bread Dough

Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him raw bread dough. ASPCA experts say that when eaten, a pet's body heat will cause dough to rise in the stomach which can cause vomiting, severe abdominal pain and bloating, which can be life-threatening and require surgery.

A Feast Fit for a Kong

While the family is chowing down, give your pets their own feast. Nylabones, made-for-pet chew bones, kong toys stuffed with their usual dinner—with tiny bit of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and a bit of gravy—are all great ideas to keep your pet happily occupied.

Full article: <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/thanksgiving-safety-tips>
Photo: <http://www.happyhealthydogblog.com/thanksgiving-dinner-for-dogs/>

NEW Administration Office Hours

- Phone: 24 HOURS 365 DAY PER YEAR
- Email/Text: Monday-Friday 6AM-2PM*

*Urgent emails/texts received between 1:30-7:30pm Monday-Friday will be returned between 8:00-8:30pm

See "News From Top Dog" for more details

News from Antigone “Top Dog”

As you know, my husband and I are going to Australia February 20-March 29 to celebrate our 20th anniversary so I will not be doing visits February 13-April 3 (possibly longer depending how long it takes for me to get caught up from being gone so long).

My exceptional team makes it possible for me to take this awesome trip: (1) my dog walkers/pet sitters will be doing all visits and (2) my business manager Robyn will be answering the phone and making reservations. In preparation for my departure, I've already transitioned many of my duties so we can work out any challenges before I'm half a world away.

Phone: Robyn will continue answering the phone Mon-Fri 6am-2pm. I've hired Sound Telecom to answer it 2pm-6am Mon-Fri and all day on Saturday and Sunday. In short, you can contact TAILored Pet Services ANY time and get a live voice unless Robyn is on another call.

Texting: By December 1, all texts will be forward to my administrative staff Monday-Friday: Robyn will answer them 6am-1:30pm and Francesca will answer urgent texts arriving between 1:30-7:30pm at 8pm. Texts will NOT be answered over the weekend so please call for immediate assistance.

Email: My email will be disabled while I'm away so please email scheduling@tailoredpetservices.com. Francesca will answer emails between 10-10:30AM and 7-7:30PM Mon-Fri. **EMAILS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED OVER THE WEEKEND** so please call if you need immediate help.

Reservations: All of our scheduling is entered into a software program called Power Pet Sitter. You can either call/text/email your dates to Robyn and she will enter them OR you can enter them yourself through the website (look for the scheduling icon on the right side bar). Remember: Robyn is only be available for scheduling Monday-Friday 6am-2pm.

Emergencies: If you have an emergency, call so Robyn/Sound Telecom can contact the on-call employee. I'm confident things will run smoothly during my absence because we are starting these processes now. If you have ANY questions or concerns, please bring them to my attention.



Meet our newest additions to the TAILored Pet Services Staff



Tessa—Lynnwood Weekday Dog Walker

I was born and raised in Washington. I love the weather and I'm happy to use any excuse to get outside, so I'm excited to walk dogs. No matter what I'm doing in my life, animals are usually a part of it! I have spent my life around many different kinds of cats, reptiles,

fish, horses, birds, and rodents, but I have always been a dog person, and I am so glad I will get to be spending so much time keeping these dogs happy! I gravitate towards animals that are less likely to be adopted because of age, medical problems, or just trouble finding the right home, so I am hoping to buy land and use it to foster and/or adopt senior dogs. I have a real soft spot for them. I hope what I learn from TPS can help my dream.



Kaitlyn—Mill Creek Weekday Dog Walker

I moved to Washington in September after living my entire life in Idaho. I have always wanted to surround myself with animals so I studied pre-vet at the University of Idaho, but decided it wasn't what I wanted for the rest of my life. Since moving to the area, I have discovered that I am still very happy working with animals in other ways. I had

always felt that there was something missing from other jobs. Now, with all these wonderful opportunities, I am more fulfilled in all areas of my life. When I'm not walking dogs, I spend time with rescued greyhounds at Greyhound Pets Inc. where I work as a kennel tech. When I have free time, I like to cuddle with my three cats, watch movies, write, and draw.