



PROTECTING YOUR FURRY FRIEND:  
**UNWRAPPING THE CHRISTMAS**  
**TOXINS UNDER YOUR TREE**

As we prepare to celebrate, it's important to remember that while the season brings happiness to us, it might also pose hidden dangers to our four-legged companions.



### FESTIVE PLANTS

Though iconic symbols of the festive season, many plants pose a risk to your four-legged companion, including Christmas trees, poinsettias, mistletoe, holly and poinsettias.

Tips: Place your Christmas tree in an area where your pet can't easily access it. Avoid toxic plants or keep them out of sight and paws reach.



### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The iridescent sparkle and movement of tinsel and baubles is enticing to some pets but pose a risk if ingested. Festive potpourri and salt dough ornaments pose a similar threat.

Tips: Hang decorations out of paws reach on your tree and in your home and opt for pet-safe decoration, avoiding tinsel!



### FESTIVE FOODS

What is irresistible to us may be potentially toxic to your pet, including Christmas pudding, mince pies, chocolate, alcohol and treats containing xylitol (artificial sweetener).

Tips: Refrain from sharing human food with pets and prevent access. You can always provide safe pet treats to let your furry friend partake in the festivities.



### WRAPPING SUPPLIES

Ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, and tape may appear harmless but can be if ingested. Some paper also contains small levels of chlorine bleach and toxic dyes.

Tips: If keeping presents under the tree, do not leave your pet in the same room unsupervised. Always dispose of wrapping materials promptly.



### OPEN FLAMES

Candles, illuminated decorations and open fires create a cosy holiday ambience, but they also pose a risk and can be hazardous to curious pets.



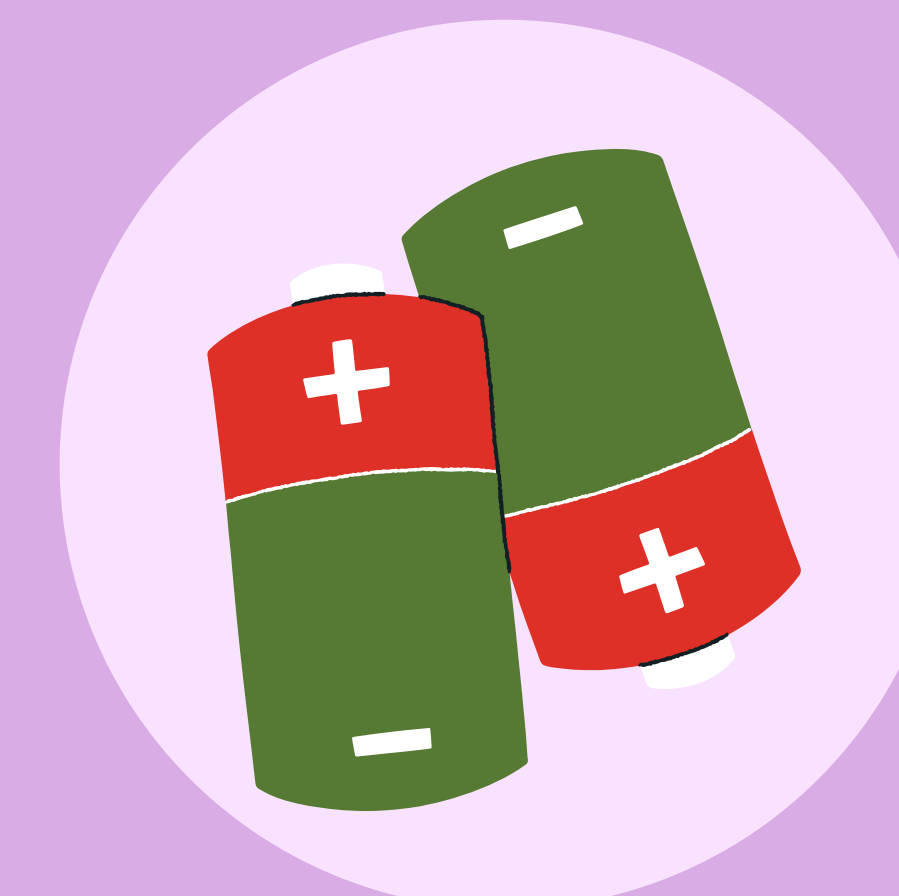
Tips: Choose flameless candles or electric decorations to eliminate the risk of fires and never leave your pet unsupervised around open flames.



### ELECTRICALS

Electrical decorations pose a risk of electric shock or burns if chewed, with further problems if ingested. Batteries can also pose a risk of burns and heavy metal poisoning

Tips: Secure cords out of your pet's reach or use protective coverings to deter chewing and keep new toys and their batteries out of harm's way.



In the unfortunate event that your pet ingests something harmful or is injured in an accident, it's vital to act promptly. Stay calm and contact your Veterinary Clinic.