



EASTER DANGERS TO PETS

Unfortunately all Holidays pose many dangers to pets, and it is during Holidays that vet clinics are usually overflowing with emergencies.

Below are a few tips to keep your pets safe during Easter.

Chocolate, contains Theobromine, which is HIGHLY TOXIC to pets, not to mention that as an added bonus chocolate also contains caffeine. Neither are good for your pets and if ingested it can be fatal.

As it can affect the Nervous System, Cardiovascular system, will cause vomiting, loose stools, etc.

In the event that your pet ingests chocolate please seek veterinary assistance immediately.

Candy

Most pets are attracted to candy because it is sweet, but candy is loaded with sugar therefore it can cause upset stomach.

Foil wrapping can also cause internal damage if ingested and sharp pieces of foil can cause serious damage to the esophagus and intestines.

Easter Grass

Pets will not digest Tinsel - like material. If ingested it can cause intestinal obstruction which could require surgery as the strands of tinsel grass could wrap around the intestines.

HPR recommends the use of shredded paper or real grass (preferably organic) or catnip grass to be used in Easter baskets instead of Easter grass.

Eggs (real or plastic)

Please make sure to pick up all your hidden eggs after egg hunts.

Eggs spoil very quickly even hard boil eggs do.

If Fido or Fluffy finds one days after the egg hunt is over, it will make them very ill if they eat it.

Plastic eggs are usually filled with candy, and candy is a No-No for pets.

Easter Lilies

LILIES ARE EXTREMELY TOXIC TO ALL PETS ESPECIALLY TO CATS!

PLEASE KEEP LILIES OUT OF YOUR HOUSE AND GARDEN.

If your cat has come in contact with Lilies and you notice any of these symptoms:

vomiting, nausea, lethargy, any change in behavior, please take your pet to the vet IMMEDIATELY, DO NOT WAIT until the morning or after your party is over as it may be too late.

As we all know most vet clinics are closed on Holidays, in the event that you do not know already which emergency clinic your vet works with, please call your vet today to find out that information so you will have it at hand in case of an emergency.

If you live in Miami Dade or Broward County HPR recommends Hollywood Animal Hospital located @:

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Hollywood, Florida 33020

Broward: 954.920.3556

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Easter Toys

Tiny stuffed toys that are in Easter baskets make perfect pet toys and pets usually love them especially cats and kittens, However these toys can pose a choking hazard to your pets if ingested. Please keep your pets as far away as possible from these type of toys.

Real Bunnies, chicks and ducks.

Baby bunnies, chicks and ducks are really cute but as I always say please think long and hard before giving a pet as a gift.

The above mentioned pets as with all pets they do grow up eventually, and while they are babies they do require full time care, as well as they require special feeding times and adequate temperatures.

Unfortunately many of these baby animals die shortly after Easter for not getting proper care.

Chicks and ducks can carry salmonella not making them suitable pets for small children,

These animals also when given to small children often suffer injuries due to improper handling, they suffer broken bones and sometimes they are even killed.

Bunnies unless they are trained, they do not like being confined.

An untrained bunny running loose around the house can be very destructive and can be quite messy.

But when they are care for and trained they do make wonderful pets.

Please remember that many pets given as Holiday gifts end up at animals shelters where they risk getting killed if they cannot be placed.

If you do decide to get chicks, bunnies or ducks for your children please remember that pets of any kind are for life!

Things you can do:

Educate your children about responsible pet ownership, sponsor a live animal at a shelter, being a bird , duck, chick or bunny rabbit, etc.

Ask the shelter or rescue to send you a picture of the animal you have sponsored, put the picture of the pet mixed with other goodies in your Child's Easter basket.

Books about animal welfare and materials that will educate older children about the responsibility of owning a pet is also a good idea.

Takes your kids to visit a shelter or a sanctuary, this way they can have close contact with the animals and since some shelters and rescue organizations do have Egg Hunts on Easter to raise money for the homeless animals in their care, it will be a win-win situation.

Keep your pets safe:

Give your pets their own treats to chew on, keep them occupy, spend time with them and for their own safety keep them confine in a room until all eggs are picked up and your guest are gone.

Wish you and yours a Blessed Easter.

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