



# Yorkie Yapper

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## Holi-Danger!

by Tina K VaLant

As we prepare for the holiday season, many of us will cook up festivities, entertain and host friends and family. Tell guests your pets are on special diets and you need their help by NOT feeding them people food. Instead they can play fetch, give a belly rub or go for a walk!

Enjoy Thanksgiving, but keep the turkey, stuffing, gravy, bones, ham and sweets away from your pet. Trash cans overflow and delicious aromas emanate from tempting hot containers.

Christmas decorations are lovely; but candy, tinsel, styrofoam, holiday lights, and trees can be dangerous for pets. New Year's arrives with more holiday foods, fireworks (don't get me started), balloons, confetti, and noisemakers. Make sure your dog always wears a snug buckle collar with ID.

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Thanks  
giving

# Holiday Gathering

Saturday, December 3  
at 1pm @ GG's  
5440 N State Rd 7  
N Lauderdale, FL 33319

## Dress holiday festive!

Please bring an anonymous  
wrapped/bagged gift  
(minimum value \$20) for the  
grab bag exchange

RSVP to Pat or Tina



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## Paw-li-days

**November 1: National Cook For  
Your Pet Day**

**November 17: National Hike  
With Your Dog Day**

**November 24: Thanksgiving**



## Holi-Dangers!

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Think about it. Having a pet can be like having an active, curious toddler. Look away for a moment and they are into something they shouldn't be. Our pets' lives are reliant on us for shelter, good food, clean water, attention, love and safety.

A bored, unstimulated pet looks for trouble. That might be shredding one of their stuffed toys, your pillow or sofa, while you're out. Ingested stuffing can cause an obstruction that requires surgical removal, and hits your wallet in a very unpleasant way. Other common household items that can wreak havoc, and should be kept away from your pets include:

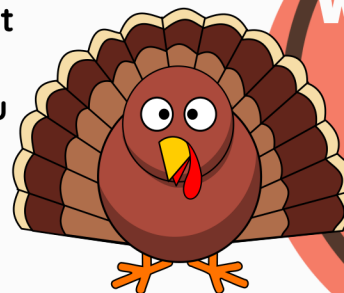
Batteries	Dental floss	Paper clips
Buttons	Jewelry	Plastic bags
Coins	Razors	Thread, yarn
Cotton	Rubber bands	Trash

Walk your dog daily, so they can socialize and enjoy the sights, sounds and scents outside the walls of their home and familiar yard. Oh, you have a fenced yard and a doggy door? Not a fan. An unsupervised pet can fall into a pool or pond, be taken by unsavory characters and sold or worse. You may believe that your pet goes out, does their business and comes right back in.

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*Luncheon  
photos  
courtesy of  
Pat Caruso*



**What do you call  
a running  
turkey?**

**Fast food!**





## *Holi-Dangers!*

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They may not be alone. Imagine coming home to find an opossum, raccoon, rat, squirrel or feral cat inside. Surprise!

Stay vigilant outside. Was the lawn sprayed with pesticide? Florida's lush tropical oasis includes invasive bufo toads, snakes, OAP (other animals' poop) and common, toxic plants.

Speaking of bufo toads, if your dog does come in contact with one: DO NOT flush their mouth with water. That spreads the toxin. Stay calm and gently wipe their mouth out with a clean dry wash cloth, or two. Call your vet. Monitor your pet's behavior.

*Just because "it" never happened is no guarantee that "it" can't happen!*

Always err on the side of caution. Our beloved pets' lives depend upon it.



*Thank you  
God  
for my family,  
friends,  
and my dog!*