

PET EMERGENCIES SPIKE AT THANKSGIVING

"Many Thanksgiving treats present dangers to pets," according to doctors at Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24, 2015... "We're open 24/7 all year round for a reason," said Dr. Jerry Klein, the supervising veterinarian of Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center. "Accidents and illnesses happen on holidays too. We keep our emergency room open every day of the year to help pets when they can't see their regular veterinarian." The facility is staffed with veterinarians and technicians at all hours, ready to care for pets in need.

Holiday celebrations often lead to pet emergencies, according to Dr. Klein: "Changes in routine can upset animals. They may try to bolt out a door, take things out of purses and bags, get into garbage, or eat unattended foods."

Dr. Klein and the other veterinarians at Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center urge pet owners on Thanksgiving to be mindful of crowds, to make sure pets have access to a quiet space where they can feel safe, and to keep them under control as guests come and go. Owners should keep pets away from common hazards, including:

- any fatty meats, including turkey skin (may cause pancreatitis)
- bones of any kind (choking and digestive tract hazards)
- raw potatoes or their skins/peels
- onions, garlicks, and related vegetables
- chocolate including candy, cakes and other treats
- dressings and gravies
- nutmeg, sage and other spices
- macadamia nuts
- corn on the cob and corncobs (including dried decorations)
- lilies (which can be deadly to cats)

- purses and bags, which often contain medications, gum and candy

Thanksgiving is just the start of a busy holiday season at Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center—and the veterinarians there are hoping that, with some care and caution and helpful tips, pet owners can make things a little less busy!

About Chicago Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center

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Chicago's oldest and largest pet emergency facility, the Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center provides advanced emergency, critical and specialty care for cats and dogs. Each year, the center treats more than 11,000 cats and dogs in its emergency room, and thousands more are cared for by veterinary specialists.

Staffed by highly trained specialists and equipped with the latest technology, Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center is always open – 24 hours a day, every day of the year. In addition to emergency veterinarians and staff, the facility offers board-certified veterinarians who specialize in anesthesiology, cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, diagnostic imaging, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, rehabilitation and surgery. This state-of-the-art facility includes ultrasound and MRI equipment, specialized surgical suites, a blood bank, specialized oxygen cages, heart monitors and more. Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center has been providing emergency care for cats and dogs since 1978.

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