**Holiday Hazard Reminders**

**Decorations:** Bitter Apple Spray™ is recommended to deter chewing of electrical cords and decorations.

**Plants:** Poinsettias, mistletoe, holly and ivy are toxic. We have a large list of toxic plants which we would be happy to share with you.

**Candles:** It is all too easy to catch a passing tail or tummy fur on fire.

**Treats:** Avoid feeding overly rich table foods (may cause painful gastroenteritis!). Onions and garlic break down cat red blood cells.

**Holiday Hazards**

*Beware of the following to keep your kitty safe!*

**Decorations:** Ribbons, tinsel, string, and ornaments are very tempting, but may cause life-threatening intestinal slicing or obstruction. ALWAYS KEEP THEM OUT OF REACH! Electric cords can also be appealing. We suggest the use of Bitter Apple™ to keep your cat safe from electrocution.

**Christmas tree:** Pine needles can cause intestinal obstruction or perforation; tree water may contain toxic chemicals and gastric-irritating pitch. We suggest the use of a citrus repellent spray and a cover for the water basin. Tin foil works great. If you cannot keep your cat away, do not leave the kitty alone with a tree.

**Plants:** Poinsettias can cause mild vomiting and diarrhea, but mistletoe, holly, and ivy are very toxic. Keep them away from felines!

**Treats and Table Food:** Overfeeding and very rich foods can cause life-threatening pancreatitis. Onions and garlic damage cat’s red blood cells.

**Antifreeze:** Only ¼ tsp./pound body weight is lethal in cats. Use only safer brands i.e. Sierra™. Clean all spills!

**Rock salt/de-icers:** These are hard on toes and destructive to intestinal and gastric linings! Clean soiled feet as soon as possible.