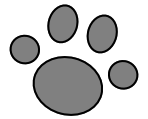


# LIBERTY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

## Paw Prints Monthly



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Liberty Veterinary Hospital strives to create a state-of-the-art pet care facility that meets all of our clients' & pets' needs from nutritional supplies, boarding and grooming to the highest level of medical and surgical care. Because our team can only be as good as the sum of its parts, we nurture and educate our staff so that we may all provide uncompromising service, compassion, kindness and caring for each patient as a member of our own family.

## NOVEMBER IS HOLIDAY SAFETY MONTH

**The holiday season is upon us.** Pat yourself on the back for making it through the first holiday, Halloween, without having any candy related problems with your pets! The next holiday hurdle is Thanksgiving. Your pets are likely to be in a frenzy from the wonderful fragrant smells permeating your home. While it is tempting to want to share this special meal with them, please remember how dangerous this meal or any dietary change can be.

To help you have a more relaxing, worry free Thanksgiving, we've put together some tips for a pet friendly holiday.

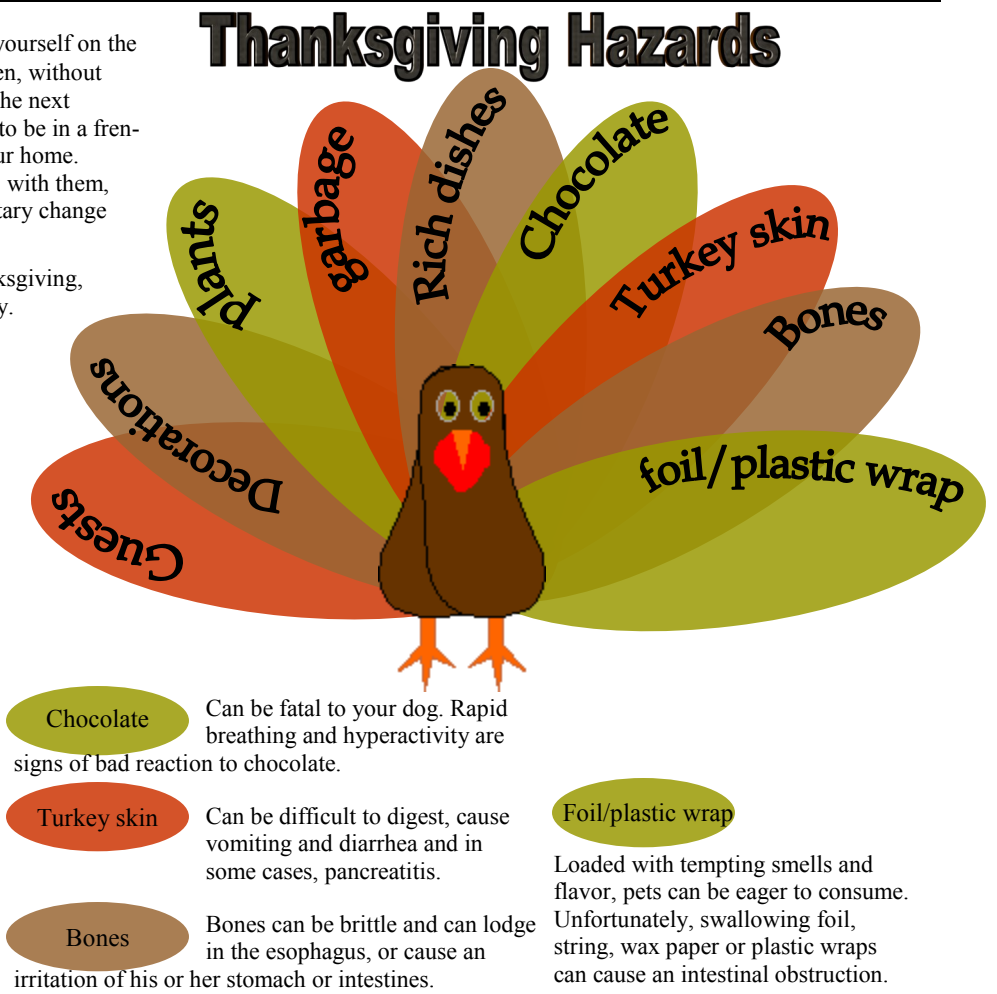
**Guests** If you are having guests over, remember to create a safe, comfortable place for your pet to escape. Check to make sure they have their ID tags and make sure to microchip them in the event that they escape.

**Decorations** Keep out of reach of playful pets as they can be dangerous or even fatal.

**Plants** Many holiday and everyday plants can be toxic to our pets. Check [petpoisonhelpline.com](http://petpoisonhelpline.com) for a list of the top 10 ones.

**Garbage** Even the most trained pets might be tempted to counter surf or root through the trash. Safely dispose of leftovers right away to prevent illness or obstruction.

**Rich Dishes** Many of our holiday dishes are laced with sodium and high fat content. Pets who consume these may develop vomiting and diarrhea and/or inflammation of the pancreas which could be life threatening.



**Chocolate** Can be fatal to your dog. Rapid breathing and hyperactivity are signs of bad reaction to chocolate.

**Turkey skin** Can be difficult to digest, cause vomiting and diarrhea and in some cases, pancreatitis.

**Bones** Bones can be brittle and can lodge in the esophagus, or cause an irritation of his or her stomach or intestines.

**Foil/plastic wrap** Loaded with tempting smells and flavor, pets can be eager to consume. Unfortunately, swallowing foil, string, wax paper or plastic wraps can cause an intestinal obstruction.

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## Travel tips for Thanksgiving

If you will be staying *with* friends, remember to be considerate and find out in advance if pets are welcome. Contact airlines in advance to find out what their requirements are. Call ahead to find pet friendly hotels, motels, parks and campgrounds. Most states and foreign countries require pet health certificates from your vet. This can take days, weeks or months to prepare depending on destination. Properly identify your pet with a current ID tag and microchip which can be searched nationwide. We are proud to offer Home Again microchips with a comprehensive pet recovery service.

**Boarding**—If you are unable to take your pets with you, consider boarding them with us! We can provide a safe and pleasant stay for your pets while you are away. Special services are available during your stay as well. Visit our website for more information! Don't forget to use our Pet Travel Checklist on the back page to help you plan your getaway.

### Pet Travel Checklist

- Blanket
- Bowls
- Phone number and address of current vet  
**Liberty Veterinary Hospital**  
6823 Yankee Rd, Liberty Twp, OH 45044  
513-755-9700/email: [info@libertyvet.net](mailto:info@libertyvet.net)
- Brush
- Photo of pet (identification)
- Can opener
- Pet Poison Helpline 800-213-6680 or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Hotline (888) 426-4435 (per incident fee)
- Collar and leash
- Scooper and plastic bags
- Crate
- Room deodorant spray
- Stain remover
- Health certificate and vaccine records
- Toys
- Litter box and litter
- Medications and sedatives
- Food, water, treats
- Paper towels
- Phone number of 24 hour emergency vet hospital where you will be staying
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- find an emergency vet: <http://veccs.org>  
210-698-7138
- Pre-travel exam with microchip placement
- Nails trimmed
- Flea and tick prevention
- Heartworm prevention
- Lyme and/or leptospirosis vaccine
- Pet first aid kit supplies:  
<https://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Supplies-Checklist.aspx>
- Pet first aid info:  
<https://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Basic-Pet-First-Aid-Procedures.aspx>

### Signs that your pet may be sick

Watch for signs that something is wrong. Following a turkey dinner, it may take up to one week before symptoms are evident. Things to watch for are:

- depression
- loss of appetite
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- excessive salivating
- lethargy
- swollen stomach
- rapid pulse
- retching
- weakness
- bloat (when the stomach dilates and rotates – a fatal condition if not treated immediately).



Call your vet immediately if you see any of these symptoms.

### Give thanks for your pet!

Here are some of the things they give to us:

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| <b>Love</b>                              | <b>Inspiration</b>         |
| <b>Security</b>                          | <b>Comfort</b>             |
| <b>Laughter and Entertainment</b>        | <b>Exercise motivation</b> |
| <b>Companionship</b>                     | <b>Physical contact</b>    |
| <b>Social support</b> (meet new people!) |                            |

Your turn - Add your personal thank you to your pet!

**Operation Santa Paws** will begin the week after Thanksgiving. Please join us again in helping our local pet rescues this holiday season. Your donation will benefit one or more of the pets highlighted on our tree. Feel free to select a card (or two!) from our holiday tree and give your donation, along with the back portion of the card, to one of our receptionists. You're welcome to keep the front half of the card for your tree as a reminder of who you helped this year. Thanks for your help!

