

# Have a Thankful Pet for Thanksgiving

We all love our pets and consider them members of the family, but they have special needs when it comes to feasting, family and friends. Taking some simple steps can help to alleviate fear, anxiety and stress for you and your pet. Give these tips a try and get even more information at [goodnewsforpets.com](http://goodnewsforpets.com).



## Dumpster Diving.

The lure of the garbage may be too much for even the best-behaved pets to handle. Garbage should be completely sealed and secure. If you have a particularly curious pet you may consider keeping trash behind a closed door or immediately taking it outside.



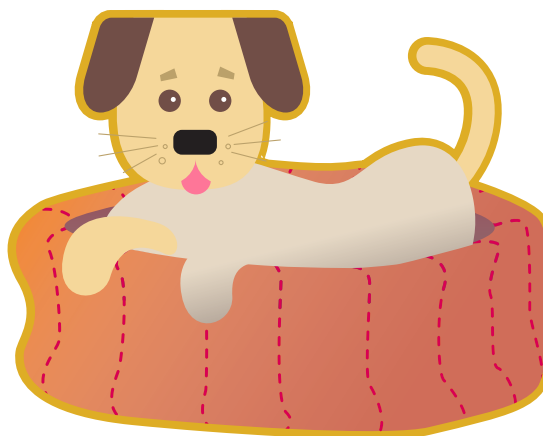
**Pet Sanctuary.** Thanksgiving is a flurry of shopping, chopping and cooking. It's okay if a normally sociable pet wants to hide or stay in another room. Consider setting up a sanctuary room for Rex or Romeow where they can stay out of the way but with all their creature comforts.

**Guests with Good Intentions.** Remember that pets can be territorial. If your pet has a special mat or bed where he's supposed to stay, ask guests to give them space so they don't feel crowded. Avoid startling a pet when they have a treat or toy, are sleeping or have just awoken.



**Ban Begging.** Before the holiday season kicks in, teach your pet to go to a mat and stay on it when asked or during meals using incentives like treats. Your pet learns to stay on the mat because good things happen there.

**Keep the Feast on the Table.** Keep food well out of pet reach, especially if you have a counter-surfing canine or high-jumping cat. That's especially important for items like fat trimmings or onions. These items could cause vomiting, diarrhea or pancreatitis in pets.



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