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No pie (or other desserts) for your pooch

Chocolate can be harmful for pets. The artificial sweetener called xylitol—commonly used in gum and sugar-free baked goods—also can be deadly if consumed by dogs or cats. Yeast dough in pet can cause gas and dangerous bloating.

Eating turkey or turkey skin can cause a life-threatening condition in pets known as pancreatitis. Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest, and many foods that are healthy for people are poisonous to pets—including onions, raisins and grapes.

Keep the feast on the table

Be careful with decorations and decorative plants

Some flowers and festive plants can be toxic to pets. These include Amaryllis, Baby’s Breath, Sweet William, some Fenns, Hydrangeas and many more. The safest route is simply to keep your pets away from all plants and table decorations.

Food sitting out, or left in a trash container that is open or easily opened, could be deadly to your family pet. Dispose of food and bones—and anything used to wrap or tie the meat, such as strings, bags and packaging—in a covered, tightly secured trash bag placed in a closed trash container outdoors.

Keep trash secured and away from curious pets.

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