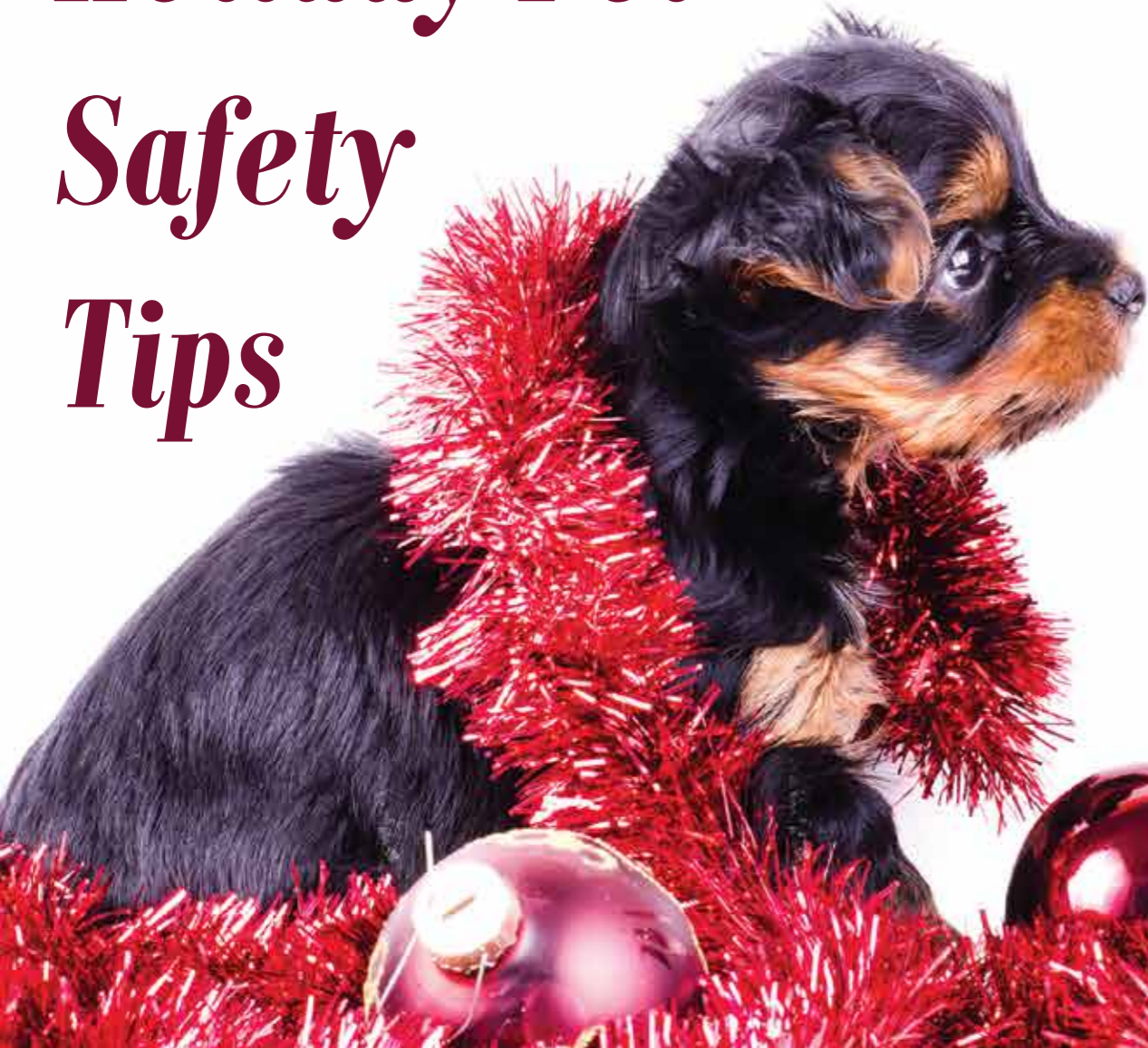




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# Holiday Pet Safety Tips



**1 Indulgent human holiday foods can cause GI upset or toxic poisoning in pets.**  
Avoid chocolate, candies made with artificial sweeteners, meat bones, and alcohol.



**2 Create a quiet, calming safe room for your pet to retreat to during holiday hubbub.**  
This will also keep pets away from doors with guests coming and going.

**3 Holiday Plants Can Be Poisonous!**  
Poinsettias, mistletoe, holly, and pine needles are mildly toxic and may cause GI upset. Lilies are extremely poisonous to cats.



**4 Conceal Electrical Cords**  
Some animals are curious and will chew on electrical cords. Chewing the cords can cause mouth burns, shock, or electrocution.



**5 Shiny Objects Are a No-No!**  
Ribbons, tinsel, and strings are fun to play with, but can cause severe intestinal blockages if swallowed.

