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### **Pet Owners Reminded to Be Cautious During the Holiday Season**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 23, 2025** – The Calvert County Department of Public Safety reminds pet owners to take extra precautions during the holiday season, when new sights, sounds and visitors can overwhelm pets and prompt unexpected behavior.

To reduce stress on pets and ensure the safety of others, officials advise securing pets when visitors are present. Pets may react poorly to unfamiliar people or young children and may become confused, frightened or overprotective, which can lead to biting or other unusual behavior. If a pet does bite, secure the animal immediately and seek medical attention.

Pet owners are also reminded that certain holiday foods, flowers and plants, including poinsettias, holly and mistletoe, can cause harm or even be deadly to pets if ingested. Guests and children should not feed table scraps to pets to avoid making them sick. If a pet is suspected of ingesting something harmful and begins acting differently, owners should contact a veterinarian or the nearest emergency veterinarian hospital immediately.

For a list of foods and plants that are toxic to pets, visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at [www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control).

Follow the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter on Instagram at [@calvertcountyanimalshelter](https://www.instagram.com/calvertcountyanimalshelter) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyAnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyAnimalShelter). For more information about the Linda

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[www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com](http://www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com).

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