

# Paws & Reflect by Maui Humane Society

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## Let's Talk Turkey!

Did you know some traditional Thanksgiving food favorites can be toxic to pets, causing illness or death? Here are some tips to help keep your pets safe during this Thanksgiving season.

Make sure that you and your guests don't feed table scraps to your pets. Do not give in to those adorable pleading eyes! Turkey skin, macadamia nuts, turkey bones, sage, onions, nutmeg, grapes, raisins, chocolate, and other sweets might seem harmless but are all potentially dangerous to animals.

Foods high in sodium and fats should also not be on your pet's menu this Thanksgiving. Our pets are clever and curious, however, so be careful to properly dispose of such items as used aluminum foil, turkey pop ups, skewers, string, oven bags and wax paper. And secure your garbage can!

Make a point to spend some quality time with your pet, and ensure that they have a quiet, safe place they can go to for a time out away from guests or an undisturbed nap. With guests coming in and out of your home, it is very easy

for a door to be left ajar and your pet to wander off. Now is a great time to make sure your pets have identification and the contact information is current.

The Maui Humane Society will be closed Thanksgiving Day but we invite everyone to stop by between 11am and 4pm the next day to check out our Black Friday adoption specials. Giving a pet a loving forever home for the holidays is just one more thing to be thankful for!

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