

# Crimson Hound Newsletter

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## Traveling for the Holidays?

### PLAN AHEAD:

- Boarding facilities will be extra busy over the holidays, so make reservations early.
- If you will be taking your dog with you, be sure that your accommodations allow dogs.
- If you are flying, be sure that you are familiar with the airline policies

### OTHER PETS:

- Be sure that you are aware of other pets that will be present.
- Are those pets good with dogs?
- Is your dog good with other animals?
  - Dogs? Large or small?
  - Cats?
  - Bunnies, guinea pigs?

Even if your dog is great with other animals, make sure that you have a plan in place for introducing the dogs properly. If your dog is not good with other dogs, it may be best to board your dog or leave him home with a pet sitter. If your dog is prey driven around smaller animals, be sure that you have a management plan in place.

### CHILDREN

- How is your dog with children? Has she ever been around children?

Many dogs are very anxious around children's unpredictable and loud behaviors.

### MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Have a plan in place & a Plan B and a Plan C. The more people involved, the more likely that a management plan will fail.
- Does your host have the necessary baby gates, crates, x-pens or kennels?
- Is everyone on board with the plan?
- Have extra layers of safety in place. e.g., Are you putting your dog in a crate in another room while guests are present? Lock the door and keep the key in your pocket to prevent someone accidentally opening the door.

## is your holiday feast dangerous for your dog?

The holidays are filled with all of our favorite family foods - but some of those foods are not safe for our dogs to eat.

- Turkey, chicken and goose are all safe foods BUT cooked poultry bones can be deadly.
- Ham is safe in moderate amounts. It is high in sodium and fat.
- Dessert. Raw pumpkin is an excellent treat for dogs BUT many desserts are sweetened with xylitol or birch sugar - a product that is HIGHLY TOXIC to dogs.
- Bread dough. While bread is okay for dogs, yeasted dough can expand in your dog's gut tract and cause indigestion or worse.
- Salt, Garlic, Onion. Anything that you have added these items to should not be shared with your dog.
- Other Toxic Foods:
  - Chocolate
  - Caffeine
  - Grapes and Raisins
  - Macadamia Nuts
  - Alcohol

Keep these foods out of your dog's reach.

If your dog has ingested something that you think could be toxic, contact Animal Poison Control immediately.

**ANIMAL POISON CONTROL:**

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# Travel Kit for Dogs

When traveling with your dog, make sure that you have everything that you might need to make your dog feel comfortable and in case you encounter any emergencies. Pack a similar kit whether you are traveling with your dog or boarding him at a facility.

1. Dog bed or blanket with familiar scents of home.
2. Large container of fresh water and a water bowl.
3. Enough food for your entire trip OR at least 2-3 days - in the event of an emergency or delay.
4. Medications? If your dog has prescriptions, be sure that you take them along - and carry extra in case your travel is extended.
5. First aid kit.
6. Vaccinations. Be sure your dog is up to date and carry a copy of those records with you,
7. Check requirements for your destination. If you are traveling abroad, you will need a health certificate and may need other vaccinations.
8. Extra leash and collar. Keep a leash handy at all times.
9. Be proactive. Be sure that your dog is microchipped and is wearing ID tags. Be sure that the contact information for these are up to date and that you have a current, full body photo of your dog. These will be vital in the event that your dog is lost.
10. Travel meds. If your dog is anxious in the car or gets carsick, be sure that you have seen your vet for prescriptions.
11. Crate. If you are traveling by car, a crate can keep your dog safe when you are getting in and out of the car at stops. A crate with a familiar bed or blanket can be a calming space for your dog in unfamiliar places.

