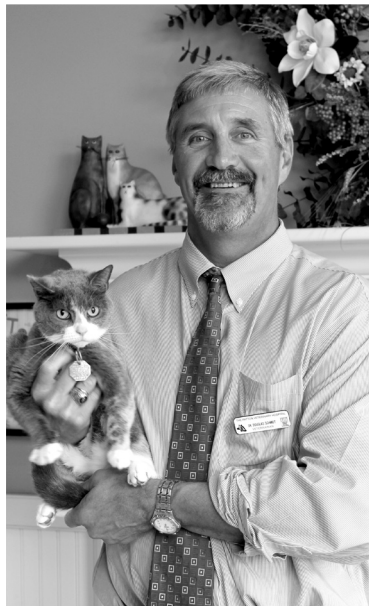


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## *Plant toxicities*

Hello again and welcome to the Christmas season! Along with the Christmas season come various decorative plants, one of them being the beautiful Poinsettia. Contrary to popular belief this plant is not lethal to our pets. However, it may cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea, etc) and abdominal cramps. You should still use caution when placing these plants in your house, especially if you have a Pokey little puppy or a curious cat. Another decorative plant often found around the holidays is Lilies, such as Easter, Peace, Stargazer and Day lilies among others. These plants are only toxic to cats however, and any part of the plant can be fatal to your loved one. While not considered a holiday plant, Sago Palm is toxic as well. Sago Palm is more prevalent in the South and other tropical areas, but it is being sold as a decorative indoor plant in local stores. Any part of the plant is toxic,

but especially the roots and seeds which can cause fatal liver failure. These are just a few of the plants that are toxic to pets and should be kept on your radar. Whenever looking to purchase plants for indoor or outdoor use, be sure to consult your veterinarian or a reputable source to make sure they are safe for you pets.



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