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Pet Owners Are Reminded to Be Extra Cautious During the Holiday Season

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 21, 2018 – With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety reminds pet owners to be extra cautious. Extra sights, sounds and people can cause pets to become over-stressed and may prompt them to act out.

To prevent stress to pets and ensure the safety of guests, it is advised to secure pets during gatherings. Pets may not react well to large crowds or young children and may become confused, scared or overprotective, causing them to bite unintentionally. If a pet does bite, please secure the animal immediately and seek medical attention.

Pet owners should ensure gates stay latched and doors remain closed when pets are outside to keep them from potentially escaping. If an animal does become loose, citizens should fill out a lost pet report [online](#). The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter will not take lost-and-found reports over the phone.

It is also important for pet owners to remember that certain holiday foods, flowers and plants can cause harm and, in some cases, can be deadly. Guests should be cautioned not to feed pets table scraps because foods that vary from the animal's normal diet can make them sick. If you suspect your pet may have ingested something and is acting differently, contact your veterinarian or the nearest emergency veterinary hospital right away.

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For a list of foods and plants that can be harmful to your pet, visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals online at www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control.

The mission of the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is to provide compassionate, humane care and treatment to the shelter population and responsibly find new homes for animals in the community. Shelter hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information about the animal shelter, please call 410-535-7387 or visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

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