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Christmas and New Year Safety

Festive celebrations can bring changes to routines, busy homes and unexpected hazards. A little preparation can help your spaniel feel secure while you enjoy Christmas and New Year.

If something goes wrong

Contact your vet or their out of hours service immediately if your dog may have swallowed something poisonous, a battery or a dangerous object. Do not wait for symptoms. Never make your dog vomit or give home remedies unless a vet tells you to. Keep packaging and note what was eaten, roughly how much and when.

Parties and visitors

Dogs do not understand why their home suddenly fills with people, noise and food. Even a normally sociable dog may find the excitement overwhelming. Plan ahead, especially if hosting means you cannot give your dog your usual attention.

Prepare a familiar, quiet indoor space with a bed, fresh water and a suitable toy or food activity. Introduce it before the party. Gentle background music or a radio may soften outside noise. Choose activities your dog can use safely; supervise chews and avoid bones. Arrange for a responsible adult to check on your dog regularly.

Ask guests to leave your dog undisturbed in their resting place. Supervise all contact between dogs and children, and keep children carrying food away from the dog. Secure doors and gates as guests arrive and leave. Do not shut a distressed dog away and assume they will settle; arrange quieter company or another suitable plan.

Fireworks and sudden noises

Walk before dark when fireworks are expected, then keep your dog indoors with doors and windows secured and curtains closed. Offer a comfortable hiding place and let them choose where to rest. Provide reassurance if they seek it, and never punish fear or force them towards the noise. Keep party poppers and popping corks away from pets. If your dog struggles with fireworks, speak to your vet well before the celebrations.

Keep routines familiar

Keep meals, walks and rest as predictable as possible. Give your dog space to sleep, and ask visitors not to feed them treats or leftovers without checking with you.

Potentially harmful plants