

Thanksgiving is a time spent with family eating all kinds of delicious food. For some of us the end result is usually a stomach ache if we overindulge. It is important to remember not to share your Thanksgiving feast with your pets. A rich, fatty meal can result in much more than an upset stomach for your pets. It can cause a painful and serious condition called Pancreatitis.

Symptoms that could indicate your pet might have Pancreatitis include:

- \*Nausea and drooling
- \*Vomiting
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Loss of appetite
- \*Abdominal pain
- \*Lethargy
- \*Fever
- \*Dehydration



If your pet exhibits these symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately. Should your pet need treatment for pancreatitis, this could include and not be limited to: bloodwork, x-rays, antibiotics, pain medication, anti-nausea medication and other supportive care. Because pets with pancreatitis often need to be held off food and water for a few days to calm the pancreas, hospitalization with intravenous fluids may be required. Cost for treatment can range from a several hundred to several thousand dollars depending on severity.

Considering these facts.....You and your pets will have a much more enjoyable holiday if you refrain

from letting them join in on the feast...(just stick to their doggie treats...)



