

## ***Party Safety for Cinco de Mayo!***

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Happy Cinco de Mayo, everyone! If you're getting ready to celebrate – whether it's because of your heritage, or because it's a Saturday – remember to have fun and be safe!

But the safety isn't just for you. Your furry friends need to be protected on Cinco de Mayo, as well.

As with any major holiday, there are going to be certain things that we, as humans, can handle, but can be dangerous to our pets. With Cinco de Mayo, and all the parties that ensue, the biggest threat to animals is alcohol.

Surprisingly enough, even the smallest amount of alcohol can cause life-threatening toxicity, especially in smaller dogs and cats. To avoid having your pets consume alcohol, make sure you keep the drinks out of their reach and any bottles closed with the lids they came with. It may even be smart to remove your pet from the rooms the alcohol is in, letting them hang out in your bedroom, or even a kennel, if that's where they feel safe, with fresh water to keep them hydrated.

If for ANY reason, your pet consumes alcohol, look for signs of alcohol poisoning as you would in humans, determine how much they had, and what the strength of the alcohol is. Knowing all of this will be vital in giving them the right care.

From there, contact the Animal Poison Control Hotline: (888) 426 – 4435 and follow the instructions that they provide you.

Be safe and have fun!