



THE GIVING TREE

The GAH Giving Tree is a way to give back and make the holidays special for dogs and cats who don't have a home of their own (yet!). Each year, our generous clients donate gifts and money to the Gwinnett Humane Society and the Gwinnett Jail Dog program through the Giving Tree in our lobby. Just choose an ornament and give a donation– the gift goes directly to the animal and the funds go to these local organizations dedicated to animals. Won't you consider spreading a little holiday cheer to some special furry friends?

FUN HOLIDAY FACTS



6 out of 10 US households have at least 1 pet, and 90% consider the pet a family member.



64% of pet owners include information about their pet in their holiday cards, and 36% include a picture of the pet



Half of all pet owners plan to purchase gifts for their pet and will spend an average of \$46



85% of pet owners say that having pets influences their holiday travel plans

TOP PET GIFTS

68% Toys
45% Treats
8% Bedding
6% Clothing
3% Leash/collar
3% Grooming supplies

Americans will spend about
\$5 billion
on pet presents this year



RECIPE CORNER

KITTY OAT BITES

1 1/2 cup rolled oats 1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 cup tuna oil, chicken broth

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Mix all ingredients into a dough. Dust hands with flour and form small, 1/2-inch thick, round biscuits.
3. Set on greased cookie sheet. Bake 30 minutes or until biscuits are slightly browned. Cool before serving.

GINGERBREAD DOG BONES

- 3 cups whole wheat flour 1/2 tsp ground cloves 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 tbsp ground ginger 1/2 cup water 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325° F
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, ginger, cinnamon and cloves
3. In a small bowl, stir together the molasses, water and canola oil.
4. Pour the molasses mixture into the flour. Stir ingredients until thoroughly combined.
5. Roll out the dough to about 1/2 inch thickness and use cookie cutters to cut shapes.
6. Place your cut outs on a baking sheet sprayed with non-stick spray
7. Bake for 20 minutes.

Yield: approximately 28 2-inch dog treats

Storage: This recipe will keep fresh for several weeks in the refrigerator, or up to 6 months frozen

6 Holiday Hazards



DECORATIONS
ribbons, bows,
tinsel, glass



ELECTRICAL CORDS
wires, bulbs,
space heaters



OPEN FLAME
Candles,
fireplaces



ALCOHOL
eggnog, beer,
cocktails, wine



PLANTS
mistletoe,
poinsettia, holly



PEOPLE FOOD
animal fat,
chocolate,
artificial sweeteners



“Star” Staff Member: Kirsten Williams

Kirsten has been a GAH team member since 2009, greeting clients with her sunny smile at the front desk. She is originally from Massachusetts and her family shares their home with three dogs and a whole bunch of cats. Kirsten enjoys cooking and anything outdoorsy.

