

Keep your pets safe during the holidays

A few tips for pet owners

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The holiday season is upon us once again, so I'd like to offer some suggestions to pet owners whose animals might be overlooked in the hustle and bustle of the season's preparations.

There are a few things you can do to safeguard your cat or dog once you have begun decorating your house. Let's start with the Christmas tree.

There is an almost endless array of baubles on any given tree to tempt curious felines and canines. You might consider a smaller tree that could

be placed on a coffee table or end table or some other sort of stand. Doing so would move the danglies on the lower branches a bit farther from your pet's paws.

People often put additives in the water of the tree's stand, hoping to keep the tree fresher longer. "I don't put anything in the water because Theo tries to drink out of it," Long Beach Peninsula resident Jan Bono said.

A lot of extra paper is around the house during holiday time, and cats especially love to play with paper that's crumpled into a ball. But pretty paper can be harmful to cats, particularly the foil variety. A piece of this, chewed off in a game of paper-ball, could become lodged in the cat's throat. Help keep cats safe by

giving them empty gift boxes, catnip mice or ping-pong balls to play with.

Don't forget to keep an eye on any electrical cords used in holiday decorating. A cord that has been chewed on by a pet can be hazardous not only to the pet, but to the people and the house.

Finally, if you choose to give pets as gifts, it's best to give the person a picture of the kitten or puppy instead of the actual gift-wrapped animal on Christmas morning. Explain that you'll bring the real thing when the excitement has calmed down. The adjustment will be much easier for animals and humans alike.

And for those who do not have pets, consider donating some food for homeless cats and dogs.



Theo, Long Beach Peninsula resident Jan Bono's cat.

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THE DAILY ASTORIAN														TV SCHEDULE														Evening listings FRIDAY—SUNDAY			
FRIDAY EVENING														A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														DECEMBER 14			
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30																		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	Child Support (SF) (N)		20/20		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel																		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	Child Support (SF) (N)		20/20		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel																		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Midnight "Resting Witch Face" (N)	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show																		
6	KOIN	(3) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	I Love Lucy Christmas Special (N)	Dick Van Dyke Show (N)	Dick Van Dyke Show (N)		Blue Bloods "Ghosts of the Past" (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert																		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	I Love Lucy Christmas Special (N)	Dick Van Dyke Show (N)	Dick Van Dyke Show (N)		Blue Bloods "Ghosts of the Past" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert																		
9	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Midnight "Resting Witch Face" (N)	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show																		
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Christmas Parade Coverage of America's largest Christmas celebration. (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half																		
10	KOPB	(10) Curious Tra. (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		800 Words	Hinterland	(45) Hinder "Return to Pontarfynach" (35) Silent Witness				Protection" 1/2	Silent Witness 2/2																		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Kitchen "What Happens in Vegas" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV																		
13	KPDx	(3) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game																		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Kitchen "What Happens in Vegas" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Most Wanted	The Simpsons																		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Central Intelligence (2016, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan, Dwayne Johnson.				Eleague																			
9	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family		Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half																		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) NBA Basketball Ind./Phi. (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)																			
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Football Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Highly Question	Around Horn (N)	Interruption	NBA Basketball Indiana vs Philadelphia																		
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Cousins For Life	★★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ("16) Noel Fisher, Alan Ritchson.				Friends																			
32	DISN	(32) Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle "Stuck at Christmas"		★★ Ice Age: Continental Drift ("12) Ray Romano.		(35) Coop & Cami		Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark																		
34	FAM	(34) (5:15) Deck the Halls Danny de Vito.		(20) ★★★ The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.		(25) ★★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ("07) Martin Short, Tim Allen.		(25) ★★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ("07) Martin Short, Tim Allen.				The Family Stone																			
35	FMC	(35) (4:40) X-Men Origins: Wolverine		(55) ★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine ("09) Liev Schreiber, Hugh Jackman.		(10) ★★ Heat (1995, Crime Story) Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer, Al Pacino.																									
36	LIFE	(36) The Christmas Contract ("18, Dra) Robert Buckley, Danneel Ackles, Hilarie Burton.				Christmas Around the Corner ("18) Jamie Spilkuch, Alexandra Breckenridge.		(05) The Flight Before Christmas ("15) Ryan McPartlin, Mayim Bialik.																							
38	ROOT	(38) The Rich Eisen Show				Press Pass		Press Pass		FootballWeek (N)	The Fantasy Football Hour	In Depth																			
39	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball University of Wisconsin-Green Bay at Creighton (L)				UFC FN Weigh-In "Lee vs. Iaquinta 2"		TMZ Sports (N)		Speak for Yourself		NCAA Basketball UIC at DePaul																			
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Friends	Friends	★★★ I Am Legend	(2007, Sci-Fi) Alice Braga, April Grace, Will Smith.						Mixed Martial Arts Bellator 212 Brent Primus vs. Michael Chandler (L)																			
44	COM	(44) (15) South Park	(50) South Park	(25) South Park		South Park	★★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ("06) John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen, Will Ferrell.					ComedyCellar (N)	Chappelle's Show																		
45	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens "The Mysterious Nine"		Ancient Aliens "City of the Gods"		Ancient Aliens: Declassified Episodes of the show with additional information. (N)																									
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (4:05) Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces.																							
47	TLC	(47) Four Wedding "....and a Dancing Santa"		Four Weddings "Holiday Showdown"		90 Day Fiancé: Extended "No Way Out"		Leida kicks Tasha out of the house. (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)	Return to Amish: Extended (N)		90 Day Fiancé																		
48	DISC	(48) Gold Rush "Hazard Pay"		Gold Rush "Stormageddon"		Gold Rush: Dirt "Megamorphosis" (N)		Gold Rush "Father's Day" (N)		Arms "Arbalest Crossbow" (N)		Master of Arms "Elgin Pistol" (N)																			
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Chile "Ends of the Earth"		Wild Alaska "Spring"		Life Below Zero "Eyes of the Storm"		Life Below Zero "Winds of Winter" (N)		Live Free or Die "Branch by Branch"		Life Below 0 "Window of Opportunity"																			
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Conspiracy in the Corpse"		Bones "The Lance to the Heart"		★★★★ Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back ("80) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill.				(45) ★★ Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace																					
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) Ice Age: The Meltdown		★★★ The Polar Express ("04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.		★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life (1946, Drama) Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, James Stewart.		★★ The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.				Jingle All the Way																			
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Underbelly"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Choreographed"								Modern Family (P)	Modern Family (P)																		
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins																		
54	HGTV	(54) My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	Dream Home (N)	My Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters																		
56	FX	(56) Rise of the Guardians ("12, Ani) Voices of Alec Baldwin, Isla Fisher, Hugh Jackman.		★★ The Secret Life of Pets ("16, Animated) Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart, Louis C.K..		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		PresidentImpeachment		CNN Newsroom																			
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		PresidentImpeachment		Fox News @ Night		The Five		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle																			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program																		
61	CNBC	(61) Deal or No Deal "Happy Howie Days"		MarriedMed "Sleep Number's Gone!"		MarriedMed "Bottled Up Emotions"		Married to Medicine (N)		A Madea Christmas ("13, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Tika Sumpter, Chad Michael Murray.		Thank God, It's Friday Donna Summer.																			
63	BRV	(63) Medic. "Heavenly's Second Chance"		★★★ Shaft ("71, Cri) Moses Gunn, Christopher St. John, Richard Roundtree.		★★★ Shaft ("71, Cri) Moses Gunn, Christopher St. John, Richard Roundtree.		Van Helsing "Been Away" (N)		Nightflyers		(55) Nightflyers																			
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Blackboard Jungle Glenn Ford.		Hulk (2008, Action) Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, Edward Norton.		Z Nation "Hackerville" (N)		C. Reunion "Country's Unbroken Circle"		Texas-Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library																			
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	★★ The Incredible Hulk (2008, Action) Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, Edward Norton.																												
162	RFD	(162) Texas-Reporter (N)	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural News (N)																									
SATURDAY EVENING														A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														DECEMBER 15			
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2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Paid Program		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Alec Baldwin Show (N)		News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle																		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Alec Baldwin Show (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle																		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	L.M. Traveler	Raw Travel	Evening	Saturday Night Live (L)	Saturday Night Live (L)		Saturday Night Live		KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live																		
6	KOIN	(3) KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	NCIS: Los Angeles "Reentry"		48 Hours "Don't Scream"		48 Hours (N)		News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja																		
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Steve Raible	Invasive Species	NCIS: Los Angeles "Reentry"		48 Hours "Don't Scream"		48 Hours (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Wipeout																		
9	KGW	(3) NBC News (N)	Naturally, Danny	Vets Saving Pets	Champion Within	Paid Program	Saturday Night Live (L)	Saturday Night Live (L)		Saturday Night Live		News (N)	Sat. Night Live																		
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Mom	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		News (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Impractical Jokers																		
10	KOPB	(10) British Baking "Christmas Masterclass"		Rick Steves' Luther		Doe Martin "The Shock of the New"		Father Brown "The Smallest of Things"		The Doctor Blake Mysteries "Family Portrait"																					
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) UFC UFC Fight Night (L)		In Depth	Whacked Out	★★ Witness (1985, Crime Story) Kelly McGillis, Josef Sommer, Harrison Ford.		Prime News		Fox 12 News Special (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Hell Freezes Over"																			
13	KPDx	(3) Mike & Molly	People Now	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News		Prime News		NCIS: New Orleans "I Do"		West Coast Wrestling Connection																			
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:00) UFC UFC Fight Night (L)		TMZ		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		News (N)	Seahawks	Hell's Kitchen "Hell Freezes Over"																			
20	TBS	(20) Central Intelligence (2016, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan, Dwayne Johnson.				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	The Family ("13)																		
9	KZJO	(22) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Seahawks	Most Wanted	Bones "The Corpse on the Canopy"	Person of Interest																		
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football New Orleans Bowl Middle Tennessee State vs. Appalachian State Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome -- New Orleans, La. (L)				NCAA Basketball Baylor at Arizona (L)				SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)		SportsCenter (N)																			
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Volleyball Division I Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Baylor at Arizona (L)				NCAA Football New Mexico Bowl																					
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Tiny Christmas (2017, Children) Riele Downs, Lizzy Greene.		SpongeBob		Friends	Friends	Friends	(35) Friends																		
32	DISN	(32) Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	★★ Wreck-It Ralph ("12, Ani) Jane Lynch, Jack McBrayer.		(50) Raven's Home		(15) Raven's Home	(40) Coop & Cami	(05) Coop & Cami	Andi Mack																		
34	FAM	(34) (4:40) Toy Story 2	(45) ★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000, Fantasy) Taylor Momsen, Molly Shannon, Jim Carrey.			(15) ★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000, Fantasy) Taylor Momsen, Molly Shannon, Jim Carrey.				(15) ★ After Earth (2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, David Denman, Will Smith.																					
35	FMC	(35) (4:35) ★★ The Martian ("15) Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon.		★★★ The Martian (2015, Adventure) Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara, Matt Damon.		(05) A Christmas in Tennessee ("18) Andrew Walker, Rachel Boston.				Press Pass	ProFootball Week	NCAA Basketball Eastern Ky. vs Xavier																			
36	LIFE	(36) Christmas Love and Found (2018, Family) Edward Ruttle, Diane Ladd, Tiya Sircar.		Christmas Pen Pals (2018, Romance) Niall Mather, Michael Gross, Sarah Drew.		In Depth	Press Pass	Press Pass		ProFootball Week	NCAA Basketball Eastern Ky. vs Xavier																				
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) DFL Soccer Munich vs Hannover		NCAA Basketball Old Dominion at Syracuse		Undercover Boss "Hudson Group"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Celeb "Ashley Graham"		Paid Program	Paid Program																		
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball E. Ken/Xav. (L)		UFC Fight Post "Lee vs. Iaquinta 2" (L)		UFC Fight Post "Lee vs. Iaquinta 2"		UFC UFC Fight Night Featuring UFC match-ups. Preliminaries Site: Fiserv Forum -- Milwaukee, Wis.		★★★ Red 2 (2013, Action) Helen Mirren, Bruce Willis.																					
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) ★★ The Expendables 3 ("14, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.		★★★ Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.		★★★ Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.																									
44	COM	(44) Movie	(50) ★★ Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Christine Taylor, Vince Vaughn.		★★★ The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.																										
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up Enhanced episodes of "Pawn Stars." (N)																									
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (4:05) Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces.																							
47	TLC	(47) Wedding "Don't Mess With the Nest"		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding "An American Gypsy in Romania"				Return to Amish																			
48	DISC	(48) To Be Announced		Dirty Jobs "Floating Fish Factory"		To Be Announced		Border Live "December 12, 2018"				Moonshiners "Holiday Moonshine" (N)																			
49	NGEO	(49) World's Toughest Prisons		Inside Solitary		Inside Maximum Security		Prison Nation America holds 25 percent of the world's incarcerated.				Inside Maximum Security																			
50	TNT	(50) ★★ Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi (1983, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill.		★★★★ Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999, Sci-Fi) Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Liam Neeson.		★★★★ Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999, Sci-Fi) Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Liam Neeson.																									
51	AMC	(51) ★★ The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.		★★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ("89) Chevy Chase.		(45) ★★★★★ Miracle on 34th Street ("47) Maureen O'Hara.																									
52	USA	(52) NC																													