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### **spcaLA offers Passover and Easter Pet-Friendly Tips**

**Los Angeles, CA** -- Passover and Easter celebrations are upon us and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (**spcaLA**) offers solutions and preventative measures so that the holidays will be happy and stress-free for everyone, including pets.

Those preparing for Passover may wish to feed their pets food containing only unleavened grains, as well as avoiding the mixture of meat and dairy. For suggestions of pet foods appropriate for Passover, please call or visit the spcaLA Marketplace in Long Beach (562-570-4926). The Marketplace carries a variety of grain free pet foods and foods that contain meat but no dairy.

Easter and spring might be a time for bunnies and chicks, but they require a lot of care and attention. After the novelty of a pet rabbit or baby chick has worn off, and the daily responsibility of feeding, cleaning, exercising and giving attention to the animal has set in, all too often the animal is dumped either in a park or in a shelter.

Play it safe and buy your child an ultra soft stuffed rabbit or chick instead. That way there are no consequences if they become bored with the daily chores. For those adamant about getting a live animal, always adopt one versus buying and remember that it is a lifetime commitment.

Lilies are beautiful but are poisonous to dogs and cats and can cause kidney failure. "Keep lilies in a spot where your pet cannot access them or purchase more pet-friendly plants such as orchids or daisies," suggests spcaLA President Madeline Bernstein.

Easter time brings lots of candy into the household, especially chocolate. And just like most people, pets love chocolate. The big difference is chocolate can make animals very sick, so keep all candy, especially chocolate away from your pets.

Baskets filled with goodies are a big hit on Easter. While Easter grass may make the basket look inviting, it can be very dangerous to animals. If ingested, the grass can cause a serious intestinal blockage that may require surgery. Instead of the plastic grass use a safer alternative such as straw, tissue paper, or newspaper shredding to fill the basket.

Following these simple tips can make springtime celebrations safer for your pets and less stressful for your whole family.



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