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Protect your pooch from these hidden holiday hazards.

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Picture this scene: Gracie, a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, wanders into the kitchen. The Christmas cookie ingredients are sitting on the countertop. Gracie puts her paws up on the counter and nabs a big chunk of baking chocolate. Score for Gracie? Definitely not, according to Gracie's owner, Dr. Steven Hansen, D.V.M., of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Poison Control Center in Urbana, Illinois. Wait, you didn't know chocolate was bad for pooches? Find out what else is bad for your dog and what you need to watch out for around the holidays..