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## Hint and Tip Number 4: Keep Your Fur Babies Safe

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Everyone who have pets know how much they have become a member of your family. One of the most important things you can do for your furry friends, just like you do for your children or grandchildren, is to make sure they are safe from electrical accidents around the home.

# **Prevent Cord Chewing**

Rubberized power cords feel a lot like chewy toys, so one of the biggest electrical dangers for pets is accidental shock from chewing through a live cord or cable. This is a particular concern for teething puppies and kittens. Make a point to know your pets habits, and if there are any signs of cord-chewing, try coating the cords with bitter apply spray, a chew deterrent spray available at pet supply stores.



### **Prevent Strangulation Hazards**

Those cords can also pose a danger if your pets are at risk of getting tangled in them, especially if they become wrapped around the necks. In entertainment centers or computer desks, where you're likely to have several ground-level cords, try using zip ties to keep the cords bunched together, or run then through lengths of PVC pipe to avoid any strangulation risk. You can also ask your electrician to hard wire your appliances which is a great solution for concealing cords.

### Be Careful With Heat Producing Appliances

Some space heaters can give pets a nasty burn on the nose, so use caution whenever operating these near pets. To avoid space heater dangers, contact Thomas Edison Electric for a FREE In-Home Estimate to discuss the installation of a Heat Pump Comfort System for your home.

If you're still not sure if your home electrical system is really safe for your fur babies, contact the experts at Thomas Edison Electric for an electrical safety inspection of your home to identify any electrical safety problems you may have before they get worse.

