



Christmas is a time for treats and that includes your furry and feathered family members!

If you have a little time during the holidays, why not do a little baking for the critters? The following recipes can also be a thoughtful gift for a pet owning friend, and are pretty easy to make!



Christmas Dog Biscuits

INGREDIENTS

Makes about 5 dozen

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup brewer's yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 cup low-sodium canned chicken stock, plus more for brushing



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, wheat germ, yeast, and salt; set aside
2. Place oil in a large bowl. Add stock and flour mixture in three alternating batches, beginning and ending with stock. Mix well.
3. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out dough to about 3/8-inch thick. Shape biscuits using a dog-bone-shaped cookie cutter or by cutting around a store-bought dog bone with a butter knife. (Make biscuits that are appropriate for your dog's size.)
4. If desired, you can spell out your dog's name or a holiday message in the dough with a toothpick (wet the toothpick first so it won't stick).
5. Transfer to parchment-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.
6. Bake biscuits 10 minutes. Brush with stock; rotate baking sheets, and bake 10 minutes more. Turn off oven, leaving door closed. Let dog biscuits stand in oven to dry completely, about 1 and a half hours. Wrap as a gift, or store in an airtight container at room temperature.



Christmas Cat Treats

INGREDIENTS

Makes 2 dozen

- 3/4 cup white flour
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt or sour cream
- 1/4 cup cornmeal



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 177°C. Combine cheeses and yogurt.
2. Add flour and cornmeal. If needed, add a small amount of water to create a nice dough.
3. Knead dough into a ball and roll to 1/4 inch.
4. Cut into one inch sized pieces and place on greased cookie sheet.
5. Bake for 25 minutes.



Christmas Bird Snacks

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Apples, cored and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups Shredded Carrots
- 1/2 cup Chopped Nuts
- 1/4 cup Raisins
- 1/4 cup Dried Banana Chips
- 1 tbsp. Wheat Flour
- 1 Egg (shells optional)
- 1 tbsp. Pure Vegetable Oil
- 1 cup fruit juice
- 3 tbsp. Honey



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 177°C . Arrange the apple slices in the bottom of a 1 quart baking dish. Place the dried banana chips, the raisins, the carrots, and the nuts on top of the apples and set the dish aside.
2. In a medium sized mixing bowl, combine the egg, vegetable oil, and fruit juice. Pour this mixture over the fruit and nut arrangement in the baking dish.
3. Sprinkle the wheat flour over the dish as evenly as possible. Next, drizzle the honey over the entire dish and place it in the oven.
4. Bake the dish for approximately 45 minutes. When done, allow it to cool to room temperature before serving it to your bird. Make sure to quickly pass along any leftovers to your bird-loving friends, as this recipe will only keep for a day or so in the refrigerator. Enjoy!