



## Clancy's Cliché's

Ahhh...the closing of another year.

It was a challenging year. Many near and dear to us all have gone through illness, difficulties, and death of loved ones. As this year comes to a close, what seemed to shine brightly was the love, kindness, concern, and deep and caring friendships through those events and circumstances - always incredibly outshining

the sadness, anxiety, tears, grieving, and frustration. What shone brightest? Unconditional Love. It weaved it's beautiful fingers around shoulders. It embraced hearts. It touched souls.

As we gather around with family and friends this Christmas, unwrap the bestest gift of all. What's that you ask? It isn't those things with paper and ribbons sitting at your feet. No. Look at the Gifts around the tree—the unwrapped ones...each family member, each friend, each doggie or kittie companion. Then feel it. The greatest gift will be what's in the room with you. It's Love. Unconditional Love.

Ohwoofohwoofohwoof! It was difficult finishing my sentences in my letter to Santa. Here's as far as I've gotten:

*Dear Santa Paws,  
First of all, it wasn't me...  
I can explain...  
Do you take bribes?...  
Define GOOD...  
It was really my master.....  
It was really the office staff...*

### **And we all need Seasonal Poochie Pointers:**

- \*Don't order a knit sweater from a Christmas tree. They're always losing their needles.
- \*I've learned from eating extension and lamp cords NOT to eat Christmas decorations. You get tinselitis.
- \*This time of year don't catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the birds have flown south for the winter.
- \*Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who it is then it's probably you.
- \*Be patient with folks who are afraid of Santa. They can be very Claustrophobic.
- \*Avoid showing a snowman your hair dryer. You'll scare him!

Finally, just a little candy cane-nine humor to get you through the holidays and time to sing my favorite song..."Deck the Howls"! My wish to you all is what vegetarians wish for at Christmas:

**PEAS ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TOWARD ALL!**



## Clancy's Cackles

Knock Knock. Who's there?  
Mary and Abby. Mary and Abby who?  
Mary Christmas and Abby New Year!



What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?

**A pineapple.**

What comes before Christmas Eve? **Christmas Adam!**

What's white & red & goes up & down & down & up?

**Santa in an elevator!**