

Poison Prevention for Pets



Thousands of animals are accidentally poisoned every year. Pets can be exposed to poison in many ways, such as chewing the leaves of a household plant, licking pesticide or antifreeze from the floor or eating human medication.

Tips to Protect Your Pets

Foods to avoid:

- Garlic
- Onions
- Macadamia nuts
- Chocolate
- Food with high fat and sugar content
- Products sweetened with xylitol
- Avocado
- Coffee
- Raisins and grapes
- Salt
- Yeast dough
- Spoiled food
- Alcohol and other drugs

Poisons to keep away from cats and dogs:

- Polyurethane craft glue
- Nicotine/tobacco products
- Batteries – alkaline, disc
- Antifreeze and automotive liquids
- Medicine (Prescription, over-the-counter, herbal)
- Mothballs
- Pesticides
- Houseplants
- Cleaners
- Human personal care products

Signs of a poisoning:

- Weakness or extreme sleepiness
- Abnormal behavior
- Drooling or vomiting
- Shaking or convulsions
- Swelling lips or tongue
- Diarrhea

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First Aid for Poisoning



Emergency Pet First Aid Kit

These supplies may be useful after a poisoning:

- a fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3% USP (to induce vomiting, if advised by a veterinarian)
- a turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- saline eye solution
- artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- forceps (to remove stingers)
- a muzzle (to protect against fear- or excitement-induced biting)
- a can of your pet's favorite wet food

Protect your pet from danger; place pet in carrier if applicable.

What if a poisoning occurs?

- Get the poison away from the pet. Brush or wash off the snout and fur to remove the poison if needed. Rinse out the mouth, if it can be done safely. Remove the food dish.
- Call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline at **1-888-426-4435**. There may be a charge (\$55.) for this call. Veterinary specialists are available for advice. The Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222 is available, but has limited animal information.
- Call your veterinarian or emergency veterinarian. Keep a bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% solution available. **DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING** unless your veterinarian instructs you to do so. For more information, visit www.aspc.org

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