

Poison Proof Your Home

There are many things in and around our homes that we don't think twice about – bottles of pills, the flower garden in the front yard, the coolant we use in our vehicles...the list goes on and on. However, some of these things can be a matter of life and death to our pets. Various foods can present a problem for our furry family members as well; your pet's favorite treat may not be good for her. In addition, the different seasons and holidays present their own problems for our pets.

Common Household Dangers

Batteries

If ingested, the corrosives can cause ulcers in the mouth and the intestinal tract.

Medications

ANY prescription or over-the-counter medications, such as painkillers, cold medicines, anti-cancer drugs, antidepressants, vitamins, and diet pills can be potentially lethal even in very small doses.

Did you know... 1 regular strength ibuprofen can cause stomach ulcers in a 10-pound dog?

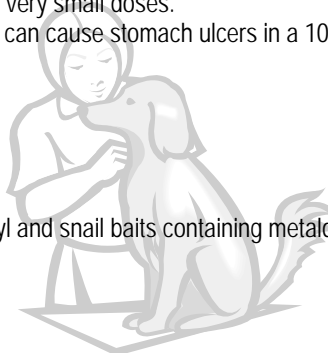
Pesticides

Herbicides and Insecticides

Rat and Mouse Bait

Fly Bait and Snail Baits

Did you know... fly baits containing methomyl and snail baits containing metaldehyde are particularly toxic?



Liquid Potpourris

Indoor and Outdoor Plants

There are more than 100 common plants that are toxic to animals. Some of the most common are hyacinth, tomato plants, amaryllis, and several varieties of ivy. For a more comprehensive list, check out the ASPCA's website.

Seasonal Dangers

With the changing of the seasons come new hazards for your four-legged friends.

Warm Weather Dangers

Toads, Insects, Spiders, Snakes

Blue-Green Pond Algae

Citronella Candles

Mulch, Compost Piles, and Fertilizers

Swimming pool treatment supplies

Cold Weather Dangers

Antifreeze

Ice Melting Products

Holidays

To make sure even your furry family members have a safe and happy Christmas, be aware that seemingly benign holiday decorations can present a hazard.

Electrical cords, if chewed, can electrocute your pet

Ribbons and tinsel can become lodged in the intestines and cause an obstruction

Glass ornaments can cause internal lacerations if eaten

Holly, one of the most widely-used seasonal decorations, is toxic for animals

Foods

Alcohol

Raisins and Grapes

Chocolate

Fatty Foods

Macadamia Nuts

Garlic

Onions, Onion Powder

Products Sweetened With Xylitol (An Artificial Sweetener)

Avocado

Salt

Yeast Dough

Coffee

Ham

Moldy or spoiled food

Some of these foods can cause not only intense discomfort, but also death.

Did you know... onions can cause anemia in dogs?