



Poison Prevention Tips & Advice



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A pet can quickly ingest a household chemical, lap up a liquid, or chew on a seemingly harmless plant in a matter of seconds. We cannot protect our animals from everything, but we can control what they come in contact with in our own home and backyard. Here are a few reminders on how to keep your pet safe in their own environment:

- Keep medicines, household cleaners, pesticides and automotive products locked up or stored out of the reach of pets and children.
- Before using any household or yard product, always read the label first and follow instructions carefully for safe use, storage and disposal. Select pet friendly products when given the option.
- Never give any medication or supplement to your pet without first consulting your veterinarian. What is helpful to humans can be dangerous or even deadly to pets.
- Always read the label before using any flea control product on or around your pet. For example, flea products labeled “For dogs only” can cause serious or life-threatening illness if used on cats.

Poison Safety Kit

Consider assembling a poison safety kit. The Animal Poison Control Center suggests the following items be kept in a pet safety kit in case of emergencies:

- Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% (USP)
- Can of soft dog or cat food, as appropriate
- Turkey baster or large bulb syringe to administer hydrogen peroxide (Contact your veterinarian or poison control center for correct dosage prior to administering)
- Saline eye solution to flush out eye contaminants
- Artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing
- Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid to wash the animal after skin contamination
- Rubber gloves
- Tweezers to remove stingers
- Muzzle (an excited pet may harm you)
- Pet carrier

If you think your pet has ingested a poisonous substance, call your veterinarian, emergency clinic or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (fee will apply) and be ready with the following:

- Your name, address, and phone number
- The product container, if available
- Species, breed, age, sex, and weight
- Details about the exposure
- Symptoms your pet is experiencing
- Number of pets involved