

Hazards in the Home

We've compiled this information from the ASPCA to help you keep your pets safe from some common hazards. This guide does not list everything that can harm your pet and is not intended to help treat pets. If your pets get hurt or sick, we strongly urge you to contact your veterinarian immediately.

If you think your pet has been exposed to a poisonous substance, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center can help. Call 888-426-4435.

Household Items

Dogs and cats are curious by nature. Keep the following items safely out of the reach of your pets:

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory Cold and flu medications medications (e.g., ibuprofen, Acetaminophen aspirin, etc.) Antidepressants Vitamins Home insect products Rat and mouse bait Bleach Diet pills Disinfectants Fabric softener Lead Lighter fluid Mothballs Anti-cancer drugs Solvents Flea and tick products Drain cleaners Liquid potpourri Slug and snail bait Oven cleaner sprays Lime/scale remover Fly bait Detergents Tobacco products

Harmful Foods

Never let dogs or cats eat any of these foods. Be sure to store them where your pets can't find or reach them.

Avocado Chocolate (all forms) Coffee (all forms)
Onions and onion powder Grapes Raisins
Macadamia nuts Alcoholic beverages Moldy/spoiled foods
Gum, candies or other foods

Salt Fatty foods sweetened with xylitol

Tea leaves Raw yeast dough

Plants

Do you have any of these plants in or around your home? If so, make sure they're in places where your pets can't reach them, or consider getting rid of them altogether.

Aloe Dumbcane Morning Glory Amaryllis Easter Lily Mother-in-Law Andromeda Japonica **Elephant Ears** Mountain Laurel Emerald Fern Asian Lily Narcissus Asparagus Fern English Ivy Needlepoint Ivv **Eucalyptus** Australian Nut Nephthysis Autumn Crocus Ferns Nightshade

Azalea Fiddle-leaf Philodendron Oleander
Belladonna Gold Dust Dracaena Panda
Bird of Paradise Florida Beauty Peace Lily
Bittersweet Foxglove Philodendron
Black Locust Glacier Ivy Poison Hemlock

Branching Ivy Gladiolas Precatory Bean (rosary pea)

Buckeye Golden Pothos Privet **Buddhist Pine** Red Emerald Heavenly Bamboo Caladium Honeysuckle Rhododendron Calla Lily Hurricane Plant Ribbon Plant Castor Bean Hyacinth Sago Palm Ceriman Satin Pothos Hydrangea Clematis Schefflera Iris

CordatumJerusalem CherryStriped DracaenaCorn PlantJimson WeedSweetheart Ivy

Cycads Kalanchoe Tulip

Cyclamen Lantana Water Hemlock

DaffodilLilies (all Lilium species)WisteriaDaylilyLily of the ValleyYewDevil's IvyLupineYucca

Dieffenbachia Marble Queen

Trouble Areas Inside the Home

Dogs and cats are more likely to be injured in these areas of your home. Watch your pets closely, or keep them away from these places:

balconies—Tall balconies without safety railings or railing spaced too far apart.

bath tubs or sinks—Small pets can drown in full bathtubs or sinks.

doors and windows—Dogs and cats can run away if they find an open door or window.

electrical cords—Pets can be electrocuted if they bite or chew on electrical cords that are plugged into sockets.

fireplace—Pets can be burned by the flames or become sick if they eat the ashes.

toilets—Toilet water is not healthful for pets to drink.

washer and dryer—Pets can crawl into a washer or dryer without your knowledge.

Outside the Home

Make sure your pets are safe as they enjoy the outdoors by keeping them away from these potential dangers:

algae*—Can be found in ponds or other bodies of water and can be toxic.

antifreeze/coolant*—Some types contain ethylene glycol, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats, even in small amounts.

fire pit/grill—Flames can result in serious burns, and ashes can cause illness if ingested.

fences or gates—Pets can run away if they find openings in damaged fences or gates. They can also get hurt or strangled if they get stuck.

deck lattice—Dogs or cats can get stuck and possibly strangled in the openings under your deck.

de-icing salts—Some formulations may contain chemicals that are hazardous to pets if ingested in large amounts. Look for pet-friendly de-icing salts.

compost (particularly if moldy)

gasoline* oil* pesticides*

cocoa bean shell mulch fertilizer*

swimming pools and hot tubs—Never leave your pet unattended near uncovered pools, even if they can swim.

* contain chemicals that may cause serious illness depending on the circumstances of exposure

Holiday Time

Help your pets enjoy the holidays safely by keeping them away from potential problems on these special days.

Valentine's Day

flowers and candy. Many types of flowers and plants found in bouquets are harmful to dogs and cats if they are ingested. Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures. In severe cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

Easter

fake grass—The colorful "grass" may look appetizing to your pets, but it could cause them to choke and obstruct their intestines if ingested.

small toys and other plastic items—If swallowed, small toys and plastic Easter eggs can cause your pet to choke or even damage their intestinal tracts.

Fourth of July

Fireworks—Fireworks can scare your pets, making them run off, or cause serious injuries if detonated near them. Many formulations are also toxic if ingested.

Halloween

Repeatedly opening doors to greet trick-or-treaters can increase the chances of your pets running out. Keep an eye on their whereabouts at all times. If feasible, keep cats in a secure area or closed room when opening doors.

candles—Pets are naturally curious and might be attracted to the bright lights of the flame in dark areas. Dogs and cats could either burn themselves by the flame or knock the candle over, starting a fire. xylitol—Candy or gum sweetened with xylitol is toxic and should be kept away from your pet. chocolate—All forms of chocolate can be harmful to your pet, potentially resulting in poisoning or even pancreatic inflammation from the high fat content.

Thanksgiving

bones—Turkey, chicken, and other small animal bones are very different from the large bones you find at the pet store. These small bones splinter easily and can cause serious internal damage if swallowed. *Never* give them to your pet.

hot containers—Your dog or cat will most likely become curious when they smell something cooking. Keep an eye on hot containers so your pet doesn't tip them over and get burned.

Christmas

holiday plants—Christmas rose, holly, lilies and mistletoe are all toxic to dogs and cats.

Ribbons. It might look adorable, but placing a ribbon around your pet's neck might cause them to choke. bubbling lights—Older forms of this attractive decoration might contain methylene chloride, which is a highly

toxic chemical.

fire salts—Contain chemicals that could be harmful to pets.

angel hair (spun glass)—Can be irritating to eyes and skin and could cause intestinal obstruction if eaten in large amounts.

Christmas tree water—Stagnant tree water or water containing preservatives could result in stomach upset if ingested.

decoration hooks—Can cause blockage and/or trauma to gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

Styrofoam—Can cause your pets to choke if swallowed.

ornaments—These can look like toys to cats and dogs, but they can cause serious injury, especially if your pets break or swallow them.

New Year's Eve/Day

balloons and confetti—These fun New Year's party decorations can cause your pets to choke and can obstruct their intestines if ingested. Keep an eye on your pets when they're around these items, or move your pets to an area that's not decorated.

loud noises—New Year's is typically a noisy holiday. Unfortunately, loud noises frighten pets and can cause them to run off. Keep your pets in a separate room, away from noisemakers, music, and other loud sounds that might startle them.