



List of Poisons

This list gives you an idea of how many things can poison your pet. This is not comprehensive so double check anything your pet has been exposed to. There is also a list of nontoxic substances. If you think your pet has been poisoned, call a veterinary poison control center immediately.

Foods

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate (all forms)
- Coffee (all forms)
- Fatty foods, moldy, or spoiled foods
- Macadamia nuts
- Onions, garlic
- Raisins and grapes
- Salt
- Yeast dough
- Products sweetened with xylitol

Warm Weather Hazards

- Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions
- Blue-green algae in ponds
- Citronella candles
- Cocoa mulch
- Compost piles & fertilizers
- Flea and tick products
- Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- Swimming-pool treatment supplies
- Fly baits containing methomyl
- Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde

Cold Weather Hazards

- Antifreeze
- Liquid potpourri
- Ice melting products
- Rat and mouse bait

Common Household Hazards

- Fabric softener sheets
- Mothballs
- Post-1982 pennies (due to high concentration of zinc)

Medication

Human and pet medications can both cause problems.

- Pain killers
- Cold medicines
- Anti-cancer drugs
- Antidepressants
- Vitamins
- Diet Pills

Holiday Hazards

- Electrical cords
- Ribbons or tinsel (can cause intestinal obstruction—most often occurs with kittens!)
- Batteries
- Glass ornaments

Plants

Many houseplants and flowers in bouquets are toxic, especially to cats. Check on any plants your pet eats.

Non-toxic Substances for Dogs and Cats

Although considered nontoxic, the following may cause mild stomach upset in some animals:

- Water-based paints
- Toilet bowl water
- Silica gel
- Poinsettia
- Cat litter
- Glue traps
- Glow jewelry
- Christmas tree water