

Pet Toxins, Dangers & Risks

Toxins in the Home

1. Rat & Mouse poisons
2. Snail & Slug bait
3. Lead from batteries, old paint, etc.
4. Detergents
5. Drain cleaners
6. Bleach
7. Tobacco products
8. Mothballs
9. Paint thinner
10. Potpourri
11. Disinfectants
12. Oven cleaner
13. Lime and Calcium deposit removers
14. Fabric softener
15. Lighter fluid
16. Flea and Tick products (Organophosphates, Carbamates)
17. Ant traps
18. Insect sprays
19. Fly strips and fly bait
20. Acetaminophen
21. Antidepressants
22. Diet pills
23. Vitamins
24. Ibuprofen
25. Aspirin
26. Naproxen
27. NSAID's
28. Cold medications
29. Cough suppressants
30. Anticancer drugs
31. Heart medications
32. Antifreeze
33. Fabric softener sheets
34. Pool chemicals
35. Fertilizers
36. Plant foods
37. Weed killers

Toxic Plants

1. Aloe
2. Amaryllis
3. Andromeda Japonica
4. Asian Lily

5. Asparagus Fern
6. Australian Nut
7. Autumn Crocus
8. Azalea
9. Belladonna
10. Bird of Paradise
11. Bittersweet (American & European)
12. Black Locust
13. Branching Ivy
14. Buckeye
15. Buddhist Pine
16. Caladium
17. Calla Lily
18. Castor Bean
19. Ceriman
20. Clematis
21. Cordatum
22. Corn Plant
23. Cycads
24. Cyclamen
25. Daffodil
26. Daylily
27. Devil's Ivy
28. Dieffenbachia
29. Dumbcane
30. Easter lily
31. Elephant Ears
32. Emerald Fern
33. English Ivy
34. Eucalyptus
35. Ferns
36. Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron
37. Gold Dust Dracaena
38. Florida Beauty
39. Foxglove
40. Geraniums
41. Glacier Ivy
42. Gladiolas
43. Golden Pothos
44. Heavenly Bamboo
45. Honeysuckle
46. Hurricane Plant
47. Hyacinth
48. Iris
49. Jerusalem Cherry
50. Jimson Weed

51. Kalanchoe
52. Lantana
53. Lilies (all Lily species)
54. Lily of the Valley
55. Lupine
56. Marble Queen
57. Mistletoe
58. Morning Glory
59. Mother-in-Law
60. Mountain Laurel
61. Mushroom plants
62. Narcissus
63. Needlepoint Ivy
64. Nephthysis
65. Oleander
66. Panda
67. Peace Lily
68. Philodendron
69. Poison Hemlock
70. Precatory Bean (rosary pea)
71. Privet
72. Red Emerald
73. Rhododendron
74. Ribbon Plant
75. Sago Palm
76. Satin Pothos
77. Schefflera
78. Striped Dracaena
79. Sweetheart Ivy
80. Tulip
81. Water Hemlock
82. Wisteria
83. Yew
84. Yucca

Foods Potentially Toxic to Pets

1. Avocados
2. Chocolate (all forms)
3. Coffee (all forms)
4. Onions and onion powder
5. Garlic
6. Grapes
7. Raisins
8. Macadamia nuts
9. Alcoholic beverages
10. Moldy/spoiled foods

11. Salt
12. Fatty foods
13. Gum, candies, or other foods sweetened with xylitol
14. Tea leaves
15. Raw yeast dough
16. Walnuts
17. Yeast dough

Objects Harmful to Pets

1. Balls (specifically balls that are small or have a smooth outer coating)
2. Batteries
3. Bread Twist Ties
4. Buttons
5. Coins
6. Cotton Swabs
7. Glass
8. Hair pins
9. Jewelry
10. Nylons
11. Paper clips
12. Plastic wrap
13. Socks
14. Rubber-bands
15. Sharp objects (knives, razors, scissors, nails, needles, etc)
16. String, yarn, or dental floss
17. Towels
18. Wax

Potential Pet Risks

1. **Balconies** – Tall balconies without safety railings, or railings spaced too far apart, can lead to a dangerous fall.
2. **Bath tubs or sinks** – Small pets can drown in full bathtubs or sinks
3. **Doors and windows** – Dogs and cats can run away if they find an open door or window. They can also get seriously injured if they run across a busy road. Windows should have screens to prevent cats or other pets from falling out.
4. **Electrical cords** – Your pets can be electrocuted if they bite or chew on electrical cords that are plugged in.
5. **Fireplace** – Your pets can be burned by the flames or get sick if they eat the ashes.
6. **Toilets** – Toilet water is not healthy for pets to drink; always remember to close the lid. Make sure you leave plenty of clean, fresh water for your pets to if you must leave them home alone.
7. **Washer and Dryer** – Your pets can crawl into a washer or dryer without your knowledge; close the doors to these appliances when you're not using them.

Risks Outside the Home

1. **Algae** – Can be found in ponds or other bodies of water; certain forms can be toxic
2. **Antifreeze/Coolant** – Some types of antifreeze or coolant products contain ethylene glycol, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats, even in small amounts.
3. **Fire pit/Grill** – Flames can result in serious burns and ashes can cause serious illness if ingested.
4. **Fences or gates** – Your pets can run away if they find openings in damaged fences or gates. They can also get hurt or strangled if they get stuck.
5. **Deck lattice** – Your dogs or cats can get stuck in the openings under your deck and possible be strangled.
6. **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.
7. **Compost** (particularly if moldy)
8. **Gasoline**
9. **Oil**
10. **Pesticides**
11. **Cocoa bean shell mulch fertilizer**
12. **Swimming pools and hot tubs** – Never leave your pet unattended near uncovered pools, even if they can swim.

Holiday Hazards

Alcohol – Alcoholic beverages are toxic to pets and should NEVER be given to them during the holidays or any other time.

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, seizures, and, in several case, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

Easter

Fake grass – This colorful “grass” may look appetizing to your pets, but it could cause them to choke or 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.

4th of July

Fireworks – Fireworks can scare your pet making them run off, or cause serious injury if detonated near them. Many formulations are also toxic if ingested.

Halloween

Escape from the home - Repeatedly opening doors to greet trick-or-treaters can increase the chances of your pet 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 may be attracted to the bright lights of the flame or knock the candle over, starting a fire.

Xylitol – Candy or gum sweetener with xylitol is toxic and should be kept away from your pet.

Candy - 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 would find at a pet store. These small bones splinter easily and can cause serious internal damage if swallowed, so 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 that your pet does not tip them over and get burned.

Christmas

Holiday Plants – Christmas rose, Holly, Lilies and Mistletoe are all toxic to dogs and cats.

Ribbons – It may look adorable, but placing a ribbon around your pet's neck may cause them to choke.

Bubbling lights – Older forms of this attractive decoration may contain methylene chloride, which is a highly toxic chemical.

Fire salts – Contain chemicals that can 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.

Tinsel – Can cause choking or internal trauma if swallowed.

New Year's Day

Balloons and Confetti – These fun New Year's party decorations can cause your pets to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested. Keep an eye on your pets when they are around these items or move them to an area that is 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 may startle them.