



IMPORTANT HAZARDS TO YOUR PET



GENERAL HOME HAZARDS

Plants*	Gasoline
Drugs, Medicine, Vitamins	Oil & Antifreeze/Coolant
Fabric Softener	De-Icing Salts
Mothballs	Pesticides, Insect or Rodent Traps & Bait
Bleach	Lead
Disinfectants, Detergents, & Cleaning Products	Wax
Solvents & Removers	Cotton Swabs
Potpourri	Pins, Needles, Tacks
Tobacco Products	Paper Clips
Lighter Fluid	

Rubber Bands	Fertilizers & Mulch
Hair Pins & Fasteners	Algae
Twists & Ties	Bodies of Water
String, Yarn, Dental Floss	Sinks & Tubs
Buttons	Washers & Dryers
Coins	Toilets
Small Balls/Toys	Doors & Windows
Batteries	Balconies
Electric Cords	Fences & Gates
Glass & Sharp Objects	Lattices
Fire Places	Branches & Sticks
Fire Pits & Grills	
Compost	



HARMFUL FOOD

Avocados	Alcohol
Chocolate	Salt
Coffee	Moldy/Spoiled Foods
Onions	Fatty Foods
Garlic	Raw Yeast Dough
Grapes & Raisins	Gum, Candies, & Foods Sweetened with Xylitol
Macadamia Nuts	
Tea Leaves	

*See our list on the back and/or visit: www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants.



WARM WEATHER HAZARDS

ASPHALT Minimize your pet's time on asphalt. It heats up quickly, burns paws and causes overheating.

BEACHES, BOATS & POOLS Not all dogs are good swimmers. When on or near water, keep your dog in a flotation device designed for dogs. At the beach, pool or in a boat, give your pet a shaded area and plenty of fresh, clean drinking water. Don't let it drink from pools or bodies of water.

BUG SPRAY & SUN SCREEN Do not use human products on pets—only products labeled for use on pets.

PARASITES Fleas, ticks and mosquitoes carry disease that can be harmful or even fatal to your pet. Work with your primary care veterinarian to develop a program to protect your pet.

CARS Never leave your pet unattended in a car. Cars heat up quickly and pets can suffer from heatstroke - a serious problem that can damage the kidneys, liver, brain and other organs. Signs of heatstroke include excessive panting and drooling, mild weakness and elevated body temperature.

COOKOUTS Eating hot dogs, bratwurst, etc. can do more than cause an upset stomach - it can lead to pancreatitis, a serious illness for pets. And be sure to keep alcoholic beverages away from pets because alcohol is poisonous to them.

DEHYDRATION Pets can quickly become dehydrated. Animals should be kept inside during the hottest parts of the day.

GARDENS Lily, azalea, oleander and many other plants are poisonous to pets. Don't let pets eat your garden plants. Closely follow directions if you use herbicides and pesticides, which can be toxic to pets. Keep pets off recently treated areas.

TRAVEL When traveling in an automobile, keep your pet securely inside the vehicle in a crate or using a specially designed seatbelt harness. Be sure your pet is micro-chipped so it can quickly be reunited with you should it become lost.

WINDOWS, BALCONIES & DECKS Each summer, dozens of pets fall or jump from windows, balconies and decks. The injuries can be extensive and sometimes the pet cannot be saved. Keep pets safely secured with a harness leash held by a responsible adult when on balconies and decks.

SNOW & ICE These can cause problems with your pets paws. Pets with finer fur can wear protective booties. Watch for limping and check for cracked red paw pads. Smaller breeds could often need an extra layer/sweater.

CARS Never leave your pet unattended in a car. Cars can get ice cold.

CHEMICALS Antifreeze tastes sweet to pets, but it can be deadly if they swallow it. Ice melt and salt can dry out the pads on your pet's paws and some chemicals may be toxic. Wipe paws clean after every walk or outing.



COLD WEATHER HAZARDS



HOLIDAY WEATHER HAZARDS

VALENTINE'S DAY Many types of flowers and plants found in bouquets are harmful to dogs and cats if they are ingested (see below). Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, seizures, and in severe cases chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

EASTER Fake grass may look appetizing to your pet, but it could cause them to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested. Small toys and plastic eggs can cause your pet to choke or damage their intestinal tract. Chocolate is toxic and can be fatal. Xylitol (artificial sweetener) in candy and gum is toxic to your pet.

4TH OF JULY Fireworks can scare your pets, making them highly nervous or even run off. Fireworks can also cause serious injuries. If ingested, they are toxic. With more people and food around during picnics and parties, be mindful of harmful food accessible to your pet.

HALLOWEEN Repeatedly opening doors for trick-or-treaters can increase the chances of your pet running out. If your pet likes to run out or is not friendly to other people, consider crating or keeping them in a secure area. Pets are naturally curious and may be attracted to lights and flames. Dogs and cats could get burned on candles or knock them over and cause a fire. Chocolate is toxic and can be fatal. Xylitol (artificial sweetener) in candy and gum is toxic to your pet.

THANKSGIVING Animal bones, especially turkey, chicken, and other small animals, are very different from the large bones you find in the pet store. These small bones splinter easily and can cause serious internal damage if swallowed. Never give them to your pet. Your pet 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. With more people and food around, be mindful of harmful food accessible to your pet.

CHRISTMAS Holiday plants like poinsettia, holly, lilies and mistletoe are all toxic to dogs and cats. Ribbons may look adorable on your pet, but placing them around your pet's neck may cause them to choke. If swallowed, your pet could choke or it could cause internal trauma. Antique bubbling lights are attractive decorations, but may contain methylene chloride, which is a highly toxic chemical. Fire salts contain chemicals that could be harmful to your pets. Angel hair is a form of spun glass and can be irritating to the eyes and skin, and could cause intestinal obstruction if eaten. Christmas tree water containing preservatives or stagnant water could result in stomach upset if ingested. Styrofoam can cause your pets to choke if swallowed. Ornaments can look like toys to your pet, but they can cause serious injury, especially if your pet breaks or swallows them. Tinsel can cause choking or internal trauma if swallowed. Pets are naturally curious and may be attracted to lights and flames. Dogs and cats could get burned on candles or knock them over and cause a fire. Your pet will most likely become curious when they smell something cooking or baking. Keep an eye on hot containers so that your pet does not tip them over and get burned. With more people and food around, be mindful of harmful food accessible to your pet.

NEW YEAR'S EVE Balloons and confetti can cause your pet to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested. Keep an eye on your pets when they're around these items or move them to an area that is not decorated. New Year's Eve can be a loud holiday. Unfortunately loud noises can frighten pets and cause them to be overly nervous or run off. Keep your pets away from noise makers, loud music and other sounds that startle them. Watch your pets around party foods and alcoholic beverages, that are often left unattended. With more people and food around during parties, be mindful of harmful food accessible to your pet.



HAZARDOUS PLANTS

Aloe
Amaryllis
Andromeda Japonica
Avocado
Asparagus Fern
Australian Nut
Autumn Crocus
Azalea
Anemone
Apricot
Arrow Grass
Buttercup
Belladonna
Bird of Paradise
Bittersweet
Black Locust
Burning Bush
Buckeye
Buddhist Pine
Balsam
Baneberry
Black-Eyed Susan
Bleeding Heart
Bloodroot
Boxwood
Corn Flower Crocus

Castor Bean
Caladium
Ceriman
Clematis
Cordatum
Corn Plant
Cycads
Cyclamen
Cactus
Cherry (Most Forms)
Chrysanthemum
Daphne
Daffodil
Delphinium
Dieffenbachia
Dumbcane
Euonymus
Eucalyptus
Elephant Ears
Fiddle Leaf
Philodendron
Flax
Four O-Clock
Foxglove
Ferns (Most Forms)
Gladiolas

Golden Pothos
Golden Glow
Heavenly Bamboo
Honeysuckle
Hurricane Plant
Hyacinth
Hydrangea
Henbane
Hemlock
Horse Chestnut
Iris
Ivy (Most Forms)
Jerusalem Cherry
Jimson Weed
Jack In The Pulpit
Japanese Plum
Java Beans
Jonquil
Kalanchoe
Lantana
Lilies (Most Forms)
Lupine
Locoweed
Marble Queen
Morning Glory
Mother In Law

Mountain Laurel
Mistletoe
Monkshood
Mushrooms
Narcissus
Nephthysis
Nightshade
Nutmeg
Oleander
Panda
Philodendron
Poison Hemlock
Precatory Bean
Privet
Peach
Pear
Peony
Periwinkle
Pimpernel
Poinsettia
Poison Ivy
Poison Oak
Pokeweed
Poppy

Potato
Red Emerald
Rhododendron
Ribbon Plant
Rhubarb
Sage Palm
Satin Pothos
Schefflera
Striped Dracaena
Sweetheart Ivy
Scotch Broom
Skunk Cabbage
Star Of Bethlehem
Sweet Pea
Tulip
Tobacco
Tomato
Virginia Creeper
Water Hemlock
Wisteria
Wild Barley
Yew
Yucca

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