

Pet Poison Prevention Month

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Do you know what to keep out of reach of your furry friends? Or how to help them in case they get into something they shouldn't?

You likely have a general idea of what to do, like most pet parents, but being prepared for the worst can often times be the best thing you can do. And high up on the list of things to watch for is items that are poisonous to your pets!

March is Pet Poison Prevention Month, so we want to share information with you that will help protect your furry friends!

First and foremost – know your poisons. Something that may not be poisonous to us can be harmful to animals, and cause reactions that you wouldn't expect. Here's a list of the top poisonous items to look out for if you have a pet running around the house:

DOGS:

1. Chocolate
2. Mouse and Rat Poisons (rodenticides)
3. Vitamins and Minerals (e.g., Vitamin D3, iron, etc.)
4. NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.)
5. Cardiac Medications (e.g., calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers, etc.)

6. Cold and Allergy Medications (e.g., pseudoephedrine, phenylephrine, etc.)
7. Antidepressants (e.g., selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors)
8. Xylitol (common in toothpaste and chewing gum – read your labels to ensure your pet is safe!)
9. Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)
10. Caffeine Pills

CATS:

1. Topical spot-on insecticides
2. Household Cleaners
3. Antidepressants
4. Lilies
5. Insoluble Oxalate Plants (e.g., Dieffenbachia, Philodendron, etc.)
6. Human and Veterinary NSAIDs
7. Cold and Flu Medication (e.g., Tylenol)
8. Glow Sticks
9. ADD/ADHD Medications/Amphetamines
10. Mouse and Rat Poison

The next step is knowing what to do if your pet ingests any of these items – CALL THE ANIMAL POISON CONTROL HOTLINE AT 1(888) 426-4435.

Also, always have your vet's phone number on hand, as well as the number for your local emergency vet. Ask your vet who they would recommend to take your pet to if they aren't open when you have an emergency. Preparation is vital when it comes to protecting and saving your pet's life.

Want more information about protecting your pets, and the latest news in poison control? Follow the link:

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>