

## Household toxins

When using common household chemicals such as cleaning solutions, antifreeze and fragrance sprays, make sure there's adequate ventilation and thoroughly wipe up any spills. Also, tightly close bottles and containers, and stow them safely in cabinets that pets can't get into.

## Non-ingested poisons

Poisons aren't always ingested; some can be inhaled or cause chemical burns on the skin.

**Inhaled poisons:** Carbon monoxide, smoke and chemical fumes

**Skin poisons:** Ammonia, lye, drain and toilet cleaners, concentrated tea tree oil

## Toxic table scraps

Though sharing "just a bite" of food with your pet seems harmless, many human foods can be dangerous—even deadly—for dogs and cats.

- Alcohol
- Onions and garlic
- Caffeine
- Salt (high doses)
- Chocolate
- Xylitol, a natural sugar substitute
- Fatty foods
- Yeast-based dough
- Grapes and raisins
- Macadamia nuts

## Human medications

Never give your pet human medications like ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin®), naproxen (Aleve®), or combination allergy products with decongestants or "cold and flu" formulations. These drugs can cause liver, kidney and neurological damage to pets.

Keep human drugs in a separate place from your pet's drugs. Accidentally giving human meds to pets is one of the most common pet poisoning emergencies.

## Pet medications

Never give your cat medications meant for a dog. Cats' unique metabolic pathways make them more sensitive to many drugs; giving your cat pain relievers or flea/tick meds made for dogs can be lethal.

## Be prepared

- Program your phone with numbers for:
  - Your veterinarian
  - 24-hr emergency veterinarian
  - Pet Poison Helpline (855-289-0358)
- Save a note in your phone with your pet's weight and current medications
- Sign up for Nationwide pet insurance coverage



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