

Many common household items such as plants, foods and chemicals can be harmful to your pet if ingested. Be informed so that you're prepared if you find yourself in a pet poisoning emergency.

Top 10 toxin calls

received by
Pet Poison Helpline

Cats

1. Lilies
2. Topical flea and tick medicine for dogs (containing pyrethroids and pyrethrins)
3. Household cleaners
4. Antidepressant medications
5. Mouse and rat poisons
6. Ibuprofen and acetaminophen
7. Glow sticks/glow jewelry
8. Amphetamines such as ADD/ADHD drugs
9. Decongestant medications
10. Essential oils

Dogs

1. Chocolate
2. Mouse and rat poisons
3. Ibuprofen and acetaminophen
4. Xylitol (found in sugar-free gums and candies)
5. Vitamin D (ingested in large amounts)
6. Antidepressant medications
7. Fertilizers
8. Grapes and raisins
9. Decongestant medications
10. Caffeine (pills and drinks)

Poisonous plants

Many plants are poisonous to animals, but the following are some of the most common—and some can even be lethal.

- Autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*)
- Azalea & rhododendron
- Cycad/sago palms (*Cycas*, *Macrozamia* and *Zamia* spp.)
- *Dieffenbachia*
- Lily (*Lilium* and *Emerocallis* spp.)—cats only
- Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Spring bulbs (e.g. daffodil, hyacinth, tulip, spring crocus)
- Yesterday, today and tomorrow (*Brunfelsia* spp.)
- Yew (*Taxus* spp.)

For a more complete listing of poisonous plants, visit petpoisonhelpline.com.



Garden dangers

Be a garden guardian and keep these substances away from pets.

- Baits (rodent, snail and slug)
- Blood meal
- Bone meal
- Fertilizers (rose and other plants)
- Pesticides

If you think your pet may have ingested something harmful, seek immediate veterinary advice:

Pet Poison Helpline
855-289-0358

Available 24/7

Please be advised that a one-time, per-incident consultation fee applies.

Have the following information ready when calling:

- What your pet ingested and when
- How much your pet ingested (how many pills, milligram strength, etc.)
- Pet's current weight
- Pet's known medical history, including medications

What to do in an emergency

Stay calm so you can assess the situation and communicate clearly with your veterinarian. Most importantly, don't administer at-home treatment without first seeking veterinary advice.

Scan the surroundings

- Safely remove any remaining poisonous material from your pet's reach
- Gather the container or substance to bring to the veterinary hospital or describe to Pet Poison Helpline
- Collect a sample if your pet has vomited

Get help

If your pet is unconscious, convulsing or having difficulty breathing, go immediately to the nearest emergency veterinary hospital. While they are stabilizing your pet, call Pet Poison Helpline at **855-289-0358** for treatment recommendations.