



HOUSEHOLD DANGERS FOR PETS

Our pets are an important part of the family. Here are some tips to keep them healthy and safe in the home.

Foods

Human foods for pets should be an occasional treat and not a regular occurrence.

Foods that pose the highest risks to cats and dogs include:

- ▶ Avocados
- ▶ Bones
- ▶ Cherries
- ▶ Chocolate
- ▶ Coffee Grounds
- ▶ Corn on the cob
- ▶ Fatty & fried foods
- ▶ Garlic
- ▶ Grapes & raisins
- ▶ Macadamia nuts
- ▶ Onions
- ▶ Raw meats & eggs
- ▶ Salt
- ▶ Tea
- ▶ Xylitol-containing products (xylitol is an artificial sweetener often found in sugar-free products)

Cleaning Products

Store all cleaning products in a secure cabinet out of reach of pets and only use as directed on the label. For example, some cleaners might state to "keep pets and children away from the area until dry."



Other common household hazards

- ▶ Adhesives containing diphenylmethane diisocyanate (often abbreviated as MDI)
- ▶ Alkaline batteries
- ▶ Antifreeze
- ▶ Bath & hand soaps
- ▶ Gasoline
- ▶ Ice-melting products
- ▶ Insecticides
- ▶ Liquid potpourri products
- ▶ Mothballs (even just one)
- ▶ Paint thinners, mineral spirits
- ▶ Pennies (those minted after 1982 contain zinc)
- ▶ Plant/lawn fertilizers
- ▶ Some common household/yard plants can be dangerous if ingested
- ▶ Sunscreens
- ▶ Tobacco products
- ▶ Toothpaste
- ▶ Treated toilet water
- ▶ Weed killers

Medication

Store all medication tightly closed and out of reach of pets. Human medications can make pets very sick.

Medications that pose a higher risk include:

- ▶ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxen.
- ▶ Acetaminophen
- ▶ Prescription Drugs
- ▶ Antidepressants

