



Poison Prevention Tips for Pet Parents

Pets are curious and we know that they tend to explore their worlds with their mouths! Review these tips that help prevent pet poisoning and keep your pet safe.

The kitchen may be where the family gathers, but it's also where you can find foods that are hazardous to cats and dogs.

Toxic Foods to Watch Out For

Be extra vigilant with the broom when these items fall on the floor, and make sure to store them securely in a high cupboard.

- Onions
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Avocados
- Raisins
- Chocolate (especially dark chocolate)
- Sugar-free treats or peanut butter containing xylitol
- Coffee
- Cherry and apricot pits
- Macadamia nuts
- Caffeine
- Salt
- Apple seeds
- Alcoholic beverages

What Else is Lurking Around the House?

It's not just food you need to keep an eye on. Keep these items out of reach too:

- Essential oils, both diffused and directly applied
- Candles not made from soy or beeswax
- Human drugs or vitamins
- Rat poison
- Fertilizer
- Cleaning products
- Poisonous plants

Poison Prevention Tips

Here's what else you can do.

- Teach your pet to stay out of the kitchen.
- Give them a job to do, like the "Place" command, when you're preparing meals.
- Supervise your pet at all times, especially if you've got a counter surfer. If you need to step out of the kitchen, put your dog somewhere safe like a crate.
- Make sure to clean up all remnants from the floor.
- Purchase safe alternatives when possible, like **peanut butter without xylitol**.
- If your dog has a habit of picking things up off the ground outside, you can keep him or her safe with a basket muzzle that allows proper panting but makes it more difficult to grab potentially dangerous items.
- Teach your dog the "out" or "leave it" command, which essentially means "drop whatever is in your mouth and disengage." This could be a lifesaver when it comes to toxic foods or choking hazards.



Poisoning Symptoms

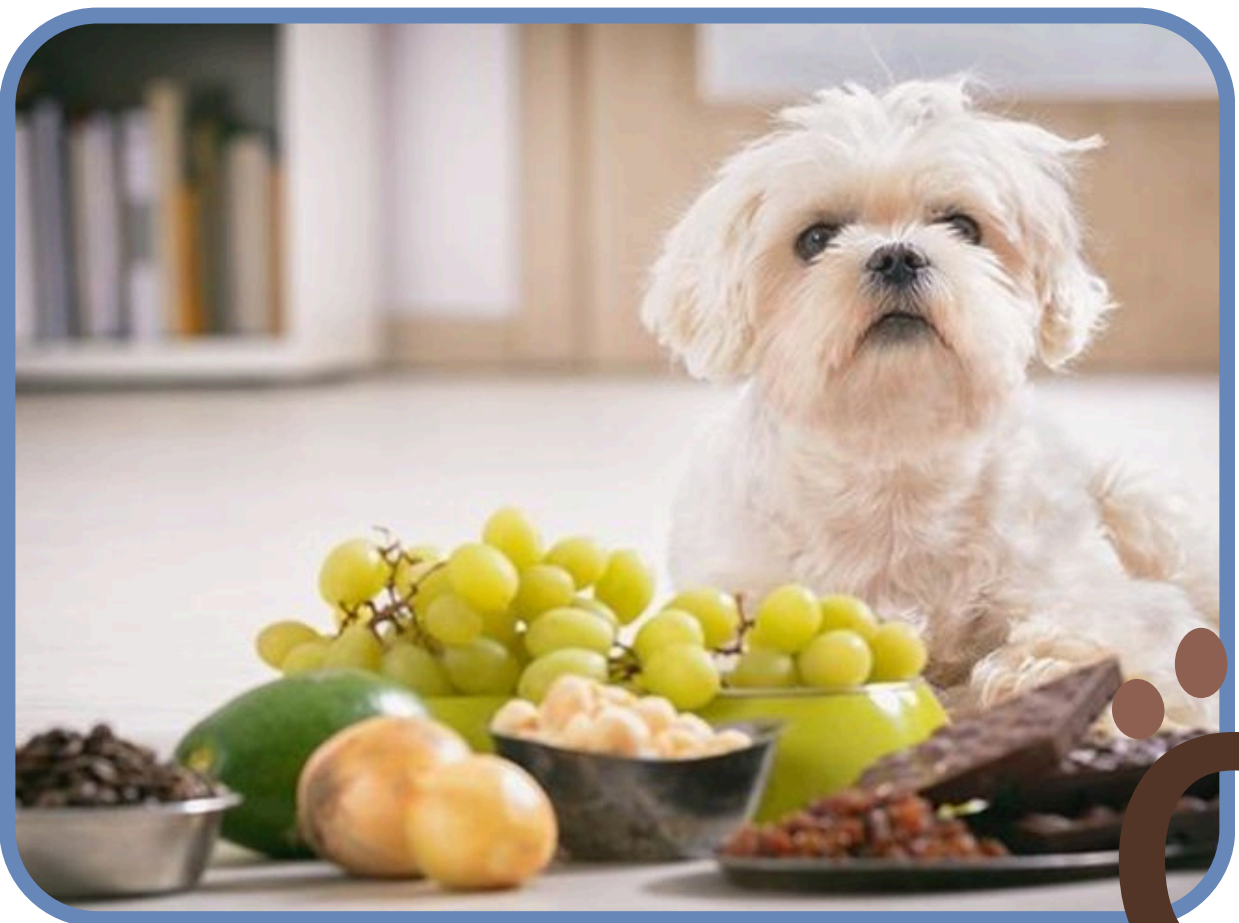
Call your vet or head to the nearest emergency clinic as soon as possible if see any of these symptoms.

- Agitation, tremors and/or convulsions
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Low energy
- Abnormal heart rate
- Drooling
- Nausea
- Pale gums

**While you are getting your pet into the vehicle, have someone call
Pet Poison Helpline on (855) 764-7661**

If you know what your pet ingested/touched and you have a package/container, keep this with you as the helpline will need the details.

There is a fee for this service of around \$89 USD but your veterinarian will need the information that they provide in order to correctly treat your pet.



Things You Didn't Know Could Harm Your Pet

Make your home a safer place for your pets by keeping them away from the following hazardous household items, plants, foods, objects and trouble areas

Household Items

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (ibuprofen, aspirin, etc.)
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Cold and flu medications
- Antidepressants
- Vitamins
- Home insect products
- Rat and mouse bait
- Bleach
- Diet pills
- Disinfectants
- Fabric softener
- Lead

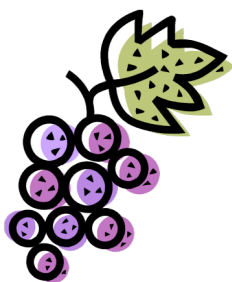


- Lighter fluid
- Mothballs
- Anti-cancer drugs
- Solvents (paint thinners, etc.)
- Flea and tick products
- Drain cleaners
- Liquid potpourri
- Slug and snail bait
- Oven cleaner sprays
- Lime/scale remover
- Fly bait
- Detergents
- Tobacco products

Harmful Foods

You should never let your dogs or cats eat any of these foods. Be sure to store them where your pets can't find them.

- Avocados
- Chocolate (all forms)
- Coffee (all forms)
- Onions & onion powder
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Raisins
- Macadamia nuts

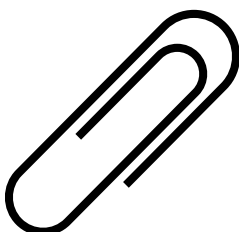


- Alcoholic beverages
- Moldy/spoiled foods
- Salt
- Fatty foods
- Gum, candies, or other foods sweetened with xylitol
- Tea leaves
- Raw yeast dough

Objects

These household objects can cause puncture wounds, choking, or internal organ damage to your pets. Make sure they aren't left lying around.

- Balls (specifically balls that are small or have a smooth outer coating)
- Batteries
- Bread twist ties
- Buttons
- Coins
- Cotton swabs
- Glass
- Hair pins
- Jewelry



- Nylons
- Paper clips
- Plastic wrap
- Socks
- Rubber-bands
- Sharp objects (knives, razors, scissors, nails, needles, etc.)
- String, yarn, or dental floss
- Towels
- Wax



Plants

Do you have any of these plants in or around your home? If so, make sure they are in places where your pets can't reach them, or consider getting rid of them altogether.

- Aloe
- Amaryllis
- Andromeda Japonica
- Asian Lily
- Asparagus Fern
- Australian Nut
- Autumn Crocus
- Azalea
- Belladonna
- Bird of Paradise
- Bittersweet
- Black Locust
- Branching Ivy
- Buckeye
- Buddhist Pine
- Caladium
- Calla Lily
- Castor Bean
- Ceriman
- Clematis
- Cordatum
- Corn Plant
- Cycads
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil
- Daylily
- Devil's Ivy
- Dieffenbachia
- Dumbcane
- Easter Lily
- Elephant Ears
- Emerald Fern
- English Ivy
- Eucalyptus
- Ferns
- Fiddle-leaf Philodendron
- Florida Beauty
- Foxglove
- Glacier Ivy
- Gladiolas
- Gold Dust Dracaena
- Golden Pothos
- Heavenly Bamboo
- Honeysuckle
- Hurricane Plant
- Hyacinth
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Jimson Weed
- Kalanchoe
- Lantana Lilies (all Lilium species)
- Lily of the Valley
- Lupine
- Marble Queen
- Morning Glory
- Mother-in-Law
- Mountain Laurel
- Narcissus
- Needlepoint Ivy
- Nephthysis Nightshade
- Oleander
- Panda Peace Lily
- Philodendron
- Poison hemlock
- Precatory Bean (rosary pea)
- Privet
- Red Emerald
- Rhododendron
- Ribbon Plant
- Sago Palm
- Satin Pathos Schefflera
- Striped Dracaena
- Sweetheart Ivy
- Tulip
- Water Hemlock
- Wisteria
- Yew
- Yucca

