

The following foods may be dangerous to your pet:

- * Alcoholic beverages
- * Apple seeds
- * Apricot pits
- * Avocados
- * Cherry pits
- * Candy (particularly chocolate and any candy containing the sweetener Xylitol)
- * Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans)
- * Grapes
- * Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- * Macadamia nuts
- * Moldy foods
- * Mushroom plants
- * Mustard seeds
- * Onions and onion powder
- * Peach pits
- * Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- * Raisins
- * Rhubarb leaves
- * Salt
- * Tea (caffeine)
- * Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- * Walnuts
- * Yeast dough

Warm Weather Hazards

- * Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions
- * Blue-green algae in ponds
- * Citronella candles
- * Cocoa mulch
- * Compost piles Fertilizers
- * Flea products
- * Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- * Swimming-pool treatment supplies
- * Fly baits containing methomyl
- * Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde

Cold Weather Hazards

- * Antifreeze
- * Liquid potpourri
- * Ice melting products
- * Rat and mouse bait

Medication

Common examples of human medications that can be potentially lethal to pets, even in small doses, include:

- * Pain killers
- * Cold medicines
- * Anti-cancer drugs
- * Antidepressants
- * Vitamins
- * Diet Pills

Common Household Hazards

- * Fabric softener sheets
- * Mothballs
- * Post-1982 pennies (due to high concentration of zinc)

Holiday Hazards

- * Christmas tree water (may contain fertilizers and bacteria, which, if ingested, can upset the stomach.
- * Electrical cords
- * Ribbons or tinsel (can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction—most often occurs with kittens!)
- * Batteries
- * Glass ornaments

Non-toxic Substances for Dogs and Cats

The following substances are considered to be non-toxic, although they may cause mild gastrointestinal upset in some animals:

- * Water-based paints
- * Toilet bowl water
- * Silica gel
- * Poinsettia
- * Cat litter
- * Glue traps
- * Glow jewelry

What should I include in my pet's first-aid kit?

Accidents happen, so it's smart to be prepared in case of an emergency. ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center experts recommend that you invest in an emergency first-aid kit for your pet.

The kit should contain:

- Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent USP (to induce vomiting)
- Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- Saline eye solution
- Artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- Forceps (to remove stingers)
- Muzzle (to protect against fear- or excitement-induced biting)
- Can of your pet's favorite wet food
- Pet carrier

This is a list of plants that are poisonous to dogs and cats.

A

Aloe
Amaryllis
Andromeda Japonica
Asian Lily (Liliaceae)
Asparagus Fern
Australian Nut
Autumn Crocus
Avocado
Azalea

B

Bird of Paradise
American Bittersweet
European Bittersweet
Branching Ivy
Buckeye
Buddist Pine

C

Caladium
Calla Lily
Castor Bean

Ceriman (Cutleaf Philodendron)
Charming Diefenbachia
Chinaberry Tree
Chinese Evergreen
Christmas Rose
Clematis
Cordatum
Corn Plant (Cornstalk Plant)
Cornstalk Plant (Corn Plant)
Cutleaf Philodendron (Ceriman)
Cycads
Cyclamen

D

Daffodil
Day Lily
Devil's Ivy
Dumb Cane
Deadly Nightshade

E

Easter Lily
Elephant Ears
Emerald Feather (Emerald Fern)
Emerald Fern (Emerald Feather)
English Ivy

F

Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron
Flamingo Plant
Florida Beauty
Foxglove
Fruit Salad Plant

G

Glacier Ivy
Gladiolas
Glory Lily
Gold Dieffenbachia
Gold Dust Dracaena
Golden Pothos
Green Gold Nephthysis

H

Hahn's self branching English Ivy
Heartleaf Philodendron
Heavenly Bamboo
Holly
Horsehead Philodendron
Hurricane Plant
Hyacinth
Hydrangea

I

Iris

J

Japanese Show Lily
Japanese Yew (Yew)
Jerusalem Cherry

K

Kalanchoe

L

Lace Fern
Lacy Tree
Lily of the Valley

M

Macadamia Nut
Madagascar Dragon Tree
Marble Queen
Marijuana
Mauna Loa Peace Lily (Peace Lily)
Mexican Breadfruit
Mistletoe "American"
Morning Glory
Mother-in-Law

N

Narcissus
Needlepoint Ivy
Nephthytis
Nightshade

O

Oleander
Onion
Orange Day Lily

P

Panda
Peace Lily (Maana Loa Peace Lily)
Philodendron Pertusum
Plumosa Fern
Precatory Bean

Q

Queensland Nut

R

Red Emerald
Red Lily
Red-Margined Dracaena (aka Straight-Margined Dracaena)
Red Princess
Rhododendron
Ribbon Plant (Dracaena sanderiana)
Rubrum Lily

S

Saddle Leaf Philodendron
Sago Palm
Satin Pothos
Schefflera
Spotted Dumb Cane
Stargazer Lily
Striped Dracaena
Sweetheart Ivy
Swiss Cheese Plant

T

Taro Vine
Tiger Lily

Tomato Plant
Tree Philodendron
Tropic Snow Dumbcane
Tulip

V
Variable Dieffenbachia
Variegated Philodendron

W
Warneckeii Dracaena
Wood Lily

Y
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
Yew (Japanese Yew)
Yucca