

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS FOR YOUR FOSTER PET

There are many items in and around your home that may be unsafe for your new foster pet. Please review the following information and refer to it often to ensure the safety of all furry members of your family.

The potentially dangerous items listed below can vary in how toxic they are to pets. Some may be only mildly toxic while others may cause severe illness or even death. The degree of toxicity often depends on several factors, such as the type of animal, the amount ingested, and, for plants, the part ingested. For more information on toxicity and other dangers for pets, research the website of a pet poison control center.

ACT QUICKLY!

If you think your pet has eaten something dangerous, call your veterinarian or a pet poison control center right away.

PET POISON CONTROL CENTERS:

Pet Poison Helpline: 855-764-7661,
petpoisonhelpline.com

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 888-426-4435, aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control

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EDIBLE HAZARDS

Many food and drink items that you consider tasty treats may be dangerous for your pet. As tempting as it might be to share these with your four-legged friend, please resist!

Some of the more hazardous edible items include:

- Alcoholic drinks and food products containing alcohol
- Avocado
- Caffeine
- Chocolate
- Coffee (grounds and beans)
- Fatty foods
- Garlic
- Grapes and raisins
- Hops
- Macadamia nuts
- Marijuana
- Medicine intended for people or another pet, unless directed by your veterinarian
- Moldy foods
- Onions
- Salt
- Tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and refills)
- Xylitol (a sweetener found in products such as some sugar-free chewing gum, sugar-free candy, cough syrup, mouthwash, and toothpaste)
- Yeast products (e.g. raw bread dough)

While not necessarily toxic, some food items can cause a gastrointestinal obstruction (a blockage in the digestive tract) if your pet swallows them:

- Avocado seeds
- Cherry pits
- Peach pits
- Corn cobs
- Meat bones (e.g. chicken, ham, turkey, ribs, etc.)

NON-EDIBLE HAZARDS

Pets, especially dogs, will often eat non-edible items. Some of the more hazardous non-edible items in your house or yard that may be dangerous for your pet include:

- Antifreeze
- Cocoa mulch
- Fabric softener sheets
- Ice melting products
- Insecticides and pesticides (even flea and tick products for dogs can be dangerous, or possibly life-threatening, if used on cats or other animals)
- Lawn fertilizers and weed killers
- Liquid potpourri
- Mothballs
- Paints and solvents
- Rat and mouse bait
- Various household cleaners (including bleach and toilet bowl cleaners)
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Salt dough Christmas tree ornaments and play dough

While not edible themselves, food bags, especially the mylar-type potato chip bags, cereal bags, and snack bags, can be a danger for pets. Dogs are typically more likely than cats to sniff out food bags. These bags are thin enough that if your dog puts his head far enough into one and breathes in, the bag can wrap around your pet's nose and mouth, suffocating them.

BOTANICAL HAZARDS

Potential threats to your pet's health can also come from nature - inside and outside the home. Some plants and flowers can be harmful if your pet eats them. Below is a list of the more common plants and flowers that may be dangerous for your pet:

- Almond, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, and plum trees and shrubs
- Aloe Vera
- Amaryllis
- Autumn crocus
- Azalea
- Caster Bean
- Chrysanthemum
- Cyclamen
- Corn Plant
- Daffodils
- Daphne
- Daylily and True Lily
- Dogbane
- English Ivy
- Foxglove
- Gloriosa Lily
- Golden Pothos
- Hibiscus
- Hyacinth and Tulips
- Hydrangea
- Kalanchoe
- Lily-of-the-Valley
- Mother-in-Law Tongue
- Mountain Laurel
- Narcissus, Daffodil, Paperwhite, and Jonquil
- Oleander and Peace Lily
- Philodendron
- Poinsettia
- Rhododendron and Azalea
- Rosary Pea
- Sago Palm
- Schefflera
- Stinging Nettle
- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Plant
- Yew Bush

Sources: www.fda.gov, www.mypet.com, www.aaha.org

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