

# PET TALK

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### Pet's & Poisons



**TIDBIT:** WHAT'S GOOD FOR HUMANS ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD FOR OUR PETS

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## PROTECT YOUR PET FROM COMMON HOUSEHOLD DANGERS

Our homes contain a variety of everyday items and substances that can pose serious hazards to our pets. Even some items specifically meant for pets could cause health problems. Understanding pet poisons and taking simple precautions could save your pet's life. The list is endless!! Below are just a few of the common household dangers.

**Medications** that treat human medical cases can make pets very sick. In surveys conducted by pet insurance companies, this tends to be the #1 claim for pet poisonings. Never give your pet medication without first consulting with your veterinarian, as even 1 acetaminophen can be deadly to a cat and ibuprofen can lead to serious problems in a dog.

**Foods** that should be kept out of your pet's menu:

coffee grounds	grapes / raisins	chocolate
yeast dough	onions	tea
macadamia nuts	alcohol	salt
fatty foods	mushrooms	garlic

\* Christmas is a peak time for potential poisonings because dogs steal chocolate ornaments from the tree, wolf down boxes of treats from under the tree or are fed by unsuspecting owners.

**Insecticides** such as flea & tick products are safe if used at the recommended dosage and on the pet they were intended to be used on. Using more of the product or not following product recommendations can be seriously harmful to your pet.

When **Fertilizers & Chemicals** are applied to lawns & gardens, be sure and keep your pet off the area for the manufacturer's recommended time.

**Rodenticides** such as rat & mouse poisons should be used with extreme caution. They are baits---intended to entice animals to eat. Pets have been known to move furniture or items to reach the poisons.

Many **Plants** can be dangerous if ingested or even chewed upon. There are more than 700 potentially dangerous plants. Easter lilies, poinsettias, rhubarb & daffodils are a few.



“ **CATS INVESTIGATE OBJECTS BY TOUCHING, CHEWING AND TASTING THEM** ”

**Antifreeze (ethylene glycol)** has a sweet taste that attracts animals. It can be deadly if consumed even in small quantities; 1 tsp. can kill a 7lb cat.

**If you suspect that your pet has ingested something potentially toxic, call your veterinarian immediately.**

