

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON HOUSEHOLD TOXINS I SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

There are several items commonly found in many households that are toxic to pets. Make certain that these items are removed from ALL areas to which your pet has access.

- 1 **Antifreeze (ethylene glycol):** Pets love the sweet taste. The ingestion of a small amount can be fatal as the antifreeze will cause neurological and kidney damage. Signs of poisoning include staggering, lethargy, excessive drinking and seizures. An antidote exists but must be given soon after ingestion. Sierra brand antifreeze is non-toxic to pets.
- 2 **Snail and Slug Bait:** Signs include nervousness, hyper-excitability, drooling, tremors, rapid heart rate, and seizures.
- 3 **Chocolate:** Candy chocolate usually causes only GI upset. Baker's or bittersweet chocolate is much more toxic and if ingested may cause nervous stimulation, tremors, rapid heart rate and seizures.
- 4 **Raisins/Grapes:** Even in small quantity, can cause renal damage.
- 5 **Macadamia Nuts:** Causes neurological disorders.
- 6 **Rat Poisons:** Some rat poisons cause bleeding whereas others cause severe neurological damage.
- 7 **Acetaminophen (Tylenol):** Causes red blood cell and liver damage, especially in cats.
- 8 **Plants:** There are many potentially toxic plants to pets. Some cause only mild gastrointestinal upset, whereas others can cause severe organ damage. Some common plants which may be toxic to pets include:
 - **Easter Lilly, Tiger Lilly:** Kidney damage to cats, GI signs.
 - **Rhododendron:** GI upset, slow heart rate and shock.
 - **Dumbcane, Diffenbackia:** Intense burning and swelling of the mouth and tongue.
 - **Mistletoe:** GI upset, Liver damage.
 - **Oleander:** GI upset and heart damage.
 - **Castor Beans:** Severe GI upset, death.
 - **Sago Palm:** Liver damage.
 - **Rhubarb:** Neurologic disease.
 - **Iris:** GI upset.
 - **Larkspur:** GI upset and neurologic stimulation.
 - **Azalea**
 - **Daffodils**
 - **Tulips**