

97 Things You Didn't Know Could Harm Your Pet

1. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications

(ibuprofen, aspirin, etc.)

2. Acetaminophen

3. Cold and flu medications

4. Antidepressants

5. Vitamins

6. Home insect products

7. Rat and mouse bait

8. Bleach

9. Diet Pills

10. Disinfectants

11. Fabric softener

12. Lead

13. Lighter fluid

14. Mothballs

15. Anti-cancer drugs

16. Solvents *(paint thinners, etc.)*

17. Flea and tick products

18. Drain cleaners

19. Liquid potpourri

20. Slug and snail bait

21. Oven cleaner sprays

22. Lime/scale remover

23. Fly bait

24. Detergents

25. Tobacco products

26. Common plants *(Aloe, Amaryllis, Andromeda Japonica, Asian Lily, Asparagus Fern, Australia 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, Gold Dust Dracaena, Florida Beauty, Foxglove, Glacier Ivy, Gladiolas, Golden Pothos, Heavenly Bamboo, Honeysuckle, Hurricane Plant, Hyacinth, Hydrangea, Iris, Jerusalem Cherry, Jimson Weed, Kalanchoe, Lantana, Lilies, 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 Pothos, Schefflera, Striped Dracaena, Sweetheart Ivy, Tulip, Water Hemlock, Wisteria, Yew, Yucca)*

27. Avocados

28. Chocolate *(all forms)* Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart beat, tremors and seizures, and in severe cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

29. Coffee *(all forms)*

30. Onions and onion powder

31. Garlic

32. Grapes

33. Raisins

34. Macadamia nuts

35. Alcoholic beverages

36. Moldy/spoiled foods

37. Salt

38. Fatty foods

39. Gum, candies, or other xylitol sweetened foods

40. Tea leaves

41. Raw yeast dough

42. Balls *(specifically small or have smooth outer coating)*

43. Batteries

44. Bread twist ties

45. Buttons

46. Coins

47. Cotton swabs

48. Glass

49. Hair pins

50. Jewelry

51. Nylons

52. Paper clips

53. Plastic wrap

54. Socks

55. Rubber-bands

56. Sharp objects *(knives, razors, nails, needles, etc.)*

57. String, yarn, dental floss

58. Towels

59. Wax

60. Balconies – Tall balconies without safety railings, or railings spaced too far apart, can lead to a dangerous fall.

61. Bathtubs or sinks – Small pets can drown in full bathtubs or sinks.

62. Doors and windows – Dogs and cats can run away if they find an open door or window. They can also get seriously injured if they run across a busy road. Windows should have screens to prevent cats or other pets from falling out.

63. Electrical cords – *Your pets can be electrocuted if they bite or chew on electrical cords that are plugged in.*

64. Fireplace - *Your pets can be burned by the flames or get sick if they eat the ashes.*

65. Toilets – *Toilet water is not healthy for pets to drink; always remember to close the lid. Make sure to leave plenty of clean, fresh water for your pets if you must leave them home alone.*

66. Washer and dryer – *Your pets can crawl into a washer or dryer without your knowledge; close the doors to these appliances when you're not using them.*

67. Algae*- *Can be found in ponds or other bodies of water; certain forms can be toxic.*

68. Antifreeze/Coolant*- *Some types of antifreeze or coolant products contain ethylene glycol, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats, even in small amounts.*

69. Fire pit/grill – *Flames can result in serious burns and ashes can cause illness if ingested.*

70. Fences or gates – *Your pets can run away if they find openings in damaged fences or gates. They can also get hurt or strangled if they get stuck.*

71. Deck lattice – *Your dogs or cats can get stuck in the openings under your deck and possibly be strangled.*

72. De-icing salts - *Some formulations may contain chemicals that are hazardous to pets if ingested in large amounts. Look for "pet-friendly" de-icing salts.*

73. Compost (particularly if moldy)

74. Gasoline*

75. Oil*

76. Pesticides*

77. Cocoa bean shell mulch fertilizer*

78. Swimming pools and hot tubs – *never leave your pet unattended near uncovered pools, even if they can swim.*

Holiday Hazards

79. Alcohol – *Alcoholic beverages are toxic to pets and should NEVER be given to them during the holidays or any other time.*

Easter

80. Fake grass – *This colorful "grass" may look appetizing to your pets, but it could cause them to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested.*

82. Small toys and other plastic items – *If swallowed, small toys and plastic Easter eggs can cause your pet to choke or even damage their intestinal tracts.*

4th of July

82. Fireworks – *Fireworks can scare your pets making them run off, or cause serious injuries if detonated near them. Many formulations are also toxic if ingested.*

Halloween

83. Open doors – *Repeatedly opening doors to greet trick-or-treaters can increase the chances of your of*

your pets running out. Keep an eye on their whereabouts at all times. If feasible, keep cats and dogs in a secure area or closed room when opening doors.

84. Candles – *Pets are naturally curios, and may be attracted to the bright lights of the flame. Dogs and cats could either burn themselves by the flame or knock the candle over, starting a fire.*

Thanksgiving

85. Bones – *Turkey, chicken, and other small animal bones are very different from large bones you find at the pet store. These small bones splinter easily and cause serious internal damage if swallowed, so NEVER give them to your pet.*

86. Hot containers – *Your dog or cat will most likely become curious of smells when something is cooking. Keep an eye on hot containers so they do not tip them over and get burned.*

Christmas

86. Holiday plants – *Christmas rose, Holly, Lilies, and Mistletoe are all toxic to pets.*

87. Ribbons - *It may look adorable, but placing ribbon around your pet's neck may cause them to choke.*

88. Bubbling lights – *Older forms of this attractive decoration may contain methylene chloride, which is highly toxic chemical.*

89. Fire Salts - *Contain chemicals that could be harmful to pets.*

90. Angel hair (spun glass) – *Can be irritating to eyes and skin, and could cause intestinal obstruction if eaten in large amounts.*

91. Christmas tree water – *Stagnant tree water or water containing preservatives could result in stomach upset if ingested.*

92. Decoration hooks – *Can cause blockage and/or trauma to gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.*

93. Styrofoam - *Can cause your pets to choke if swallowed.*

94. Ornaments – *These can look like toys to cats and dogs, but can cause serious injury, especially if your pets break or swallow them.*

95. Tinsel – *Can cause choking or internal trauma if swallowed.*

New Year's

96. Balloons and confetti – *These fun decorations can be a choking hazard or even obstruct their intestines if ingested.*

97. Loud noises – *New Year's is typically noisy. Unfortunately, loud noises may frighten pets and can cause them to run off.*

*All contain chemicals that may cause serious illness depending on the circumstances of exposure.