



TREMAIN VETERINARY GROUP

Treating your pet like one of the family

Advice Note 4.0

Poisons

Substances that can Poison our pets?

There are a number of substances which can cause problems for your pet. If you suspect your pet has been poisoned please contact us as soon as possible and if possible be ready to provide details of the potential poison concerned.

Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pet

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate (all forms)
- Coffee (all forms)
- Fatty foods
- Macadamia nuts
- Mouldy or spoiled foods
- Onions or onion powder
- Raisins and grapes
- Salt
- Yeast dough
- Garlic

Warm Weather Hazards

- Animal toxins – toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions
- Blue-green algae in ponds
- Citronella candles
- Compost piles & Fertilizers
- Flea products, if administered incorrectly or ingested
- Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- Swimming-pool treatment supplies
- Fly baits
- Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde

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

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Medication continued...

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

- Vitamins
- Diet Pills

Garden Hazards

- Antifreeze
- Ice melting products
- Rat & mouse bait

Common Household Hazards

- Liquid potpourri
- 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