

PAWS

PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support) provides task, financial, and informational assistance to pet owners living with HIV/AIDS to ensure that they are not separated from their animal companions when they need each other the most.

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Poison Prevention *for Pets*



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How to tell if a pet is poisoned?

Signs of poisoning include:

- Shaking or shivering when it isn't cold
- Vomiting or diarrhea, which may be frothy or bloody
- A lot of drooling
- Walking unsteadily or swaying when walking
- Depression or unusual laziness

What to do if a pet is poisoned?

First, try to stay calm. It is important to act quickly, but calmly. Then, try to keep your pet calm. Call your veterinarian or PAWS as soon as possible.

Grab some of what you think may have poisoned your pet -- this may be helpful to your veterinarian. If possible, collect a sample of your pet's vomit or poop in a plastic bag, jar or tupperware in case your veterinarian needs to see it.

You can also call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) at 1-888-426-4435. Experts at the APCC are available to answer questions and provide guidance 24 hours a day **for a \$60 consultation fee**. Another option is to call the Pet Poison Hotline at 1-855-764-7661 **with a fee of \$49 per incident**.



Hazardous Household Products

The following common household items should be kept locked away from pets at all times:

1. **BLEACH** – make sure you open windows to properly ventilate a room after using bleach if the pet (or people!) will be nearby.
2. **ANTIFREEZE** – has a sweet, sugary taste that makes pets want to eat it.
3. **PAINT THINNER**
4. **ESSENTIAL OILS** – these are especially bad for cats.
5. **CARPET FRESHENERS OR SHAMPOO** – allow to dry before letting pet on carpet.
6. **PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS** – for people or pets.
7. **OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS** – medicines such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Advil, Alleve and even herbal products should be kept away from pets.
8. **INSECTICIDES** – this includes flea and tick products that aren't used properly.
9. **RODENTICIDES** – such as rat and mouse poison.
10. **POOL CHEMICALS**

A SAFER, CHEAP GENERAL HOUSEHOLD CLEANER

Is a solution of distilled white vinegar and water. One must still be careful not to allow pets to drink the distilled white vinegar. Different amounts of vinegar and water are used for different cleaning needs. Check out this link for details:

<http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/cleaning/all-natural-cleaning-solutions/vinegar-0>

Plants Poisonous to Pets



Aloe Vera



Amaryllis



Azalea



Baby's Breath



Begonia



Carnations



Castor Bean



Chrysanthemum



Cyclamen



Daffodil



Gladiolus



Hosta



Ivy



Lilies



Milkweed



Morning Glory



Oleander



Poinsettia



Pothos



Sago Palm



Tomato Plant



Tulip



Yew

People Food Poisonous to Pets

These foods are NOT safe for pets:

- Chocolate
- Alcohol
- Citrus
- Milk and dairy
- Raw Meat or eggs
- Xylitol (sugar-free chewing gum and some nut butters)
- Grapes/raisins/currants
- Caffeine (coffee, tea)
- Fatty scraps
- Onions/garlic/chives
- Macadamia nuts
- Unbaked yeast bread dough
- Table salt
- Avocados

