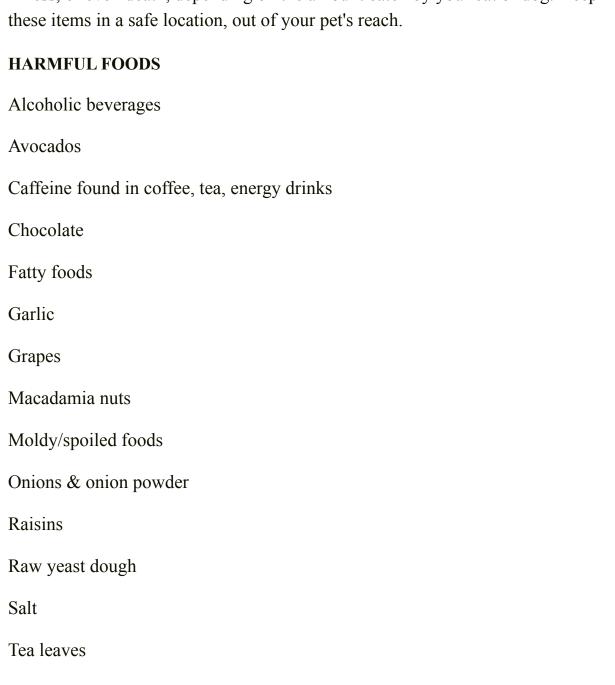
Leading Causes of Accidental Dog and Cat Injury and Death, In and Around the Home

I lied. There are over 200 items listed below, but I didn't want you to feel overwhelmed. The following household items have the potential to cause serious illness, or even death, depending on the amount eaten by your cat or dog. Keep these items in a safe location, out of your pet's reach.



Xylitol (artificial sweetener found in gum and candy)

PLANTS Aloe Amaryllis Andromeda Japonica Asian Lily Asparagus fern Australian Nut **Autumn Crocus** Azalea/Rhodondendron Belladonna Bird of Paradise Bittersweet (American and European) Black Locust Branching ivy Buckeye **Buddhist Pine**

Caladium

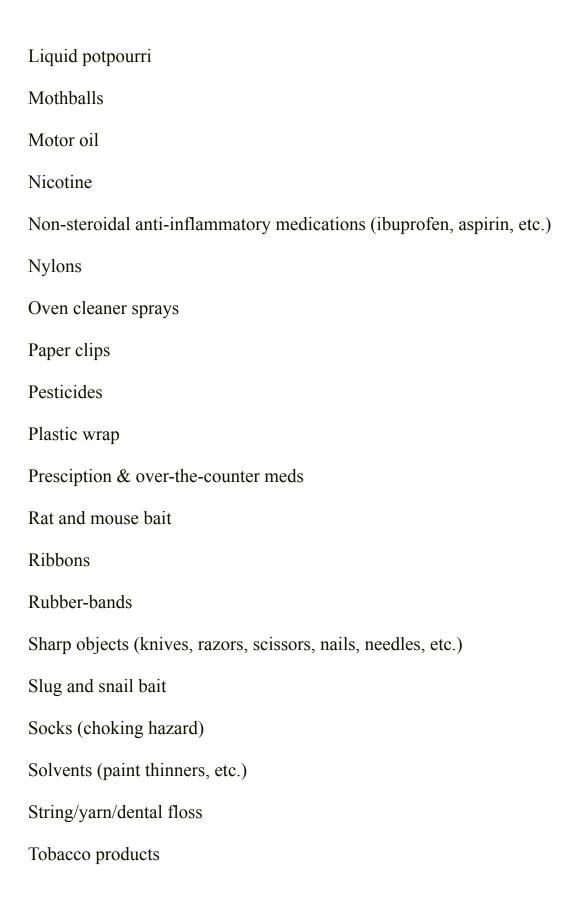






Striped Dracaena
Sweetheart Ivy
Tulip/Narcissus bulbs
Water Hemlock
Wisteria
Yew
Yucca
Click for a searchable database of Common Poisonous Plants
HOUSEHOLD STUFF
Acetaminophen
Anti-cancer drugs
Antidepressants
Antifreeze/Coolant
Balls (especially small ones or that have a smooth outer coating)
Batteries
Bleach
Bread twist ties
Buttons
Cocoa bean shell mulch fertilizer

Coins
Cold and flu medications
Compost (if it's moldy)
Cotton swabs
De-icing salts
Detergents
Diet pills
Disinfectants
Drain cleaners
Fabric softener
Flea and tick products not vet-approved for dogs or cats
Fly bait
Gasoline
Glass
Hairpins
Home insect products
Jewelry
Lead
Lighter fluid
Lime/scale remover



Iowels	
Vitamins	
Wax	

For a more complete list of Common Poisons & Hazards click here.

SPECIFIC TO HOLIDAYS

Christmas

Tinsel, small toys, chocolate, xylitol, small Christmas ornaments, holiday plants, ribbons, decoration hooks, styrofoam

New Years's

Confetti, balloons, alcohol, load noises (see 4th July)

Valentine's Day

Flowers: See PLANTS above

Easter

Fake grass, small toys, chocolate, xylitol

4th of July

Fireworks: Not only can they cause injury, but they can scare your dog and cause them to run off.

Halloween

chocolate, xylitol, candles, mean kids pulling cruel pranks

Thanksgiving

Bones, artificial sweeteners and some nuts in baked goods, hot containers

Along with these lists, I keep this number:

Poison Control Hotline

888-426-4435, Toll-Free Number.

It is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

There is a consult fee of \$60, payable by credit card. This includes follow-up consultation (they provide a special number) with you or your vet throughout the case.

You will need to have the following information ready:

- Species, breed, age, sex, weight and number of animals involved
- Symptoms
- Substance (if known), the amount and the time since ingestion or exposure
- Product packaging for reference

If your animal is having seizures, losing consciousness, is unconscious or is having trouble breathing, call ahead and take him or her immediately to your vet or to an emergency vet clinic. Take any product packaging with you.

Keep emergency numbers at the ready: your vet, emergency vet and the poison control hotline. Keep directions to your vet and emergency vet in an accessible place, and remember to leave information for pet sitters.

Here are more worthwhile tips and information from Animal Poison Control.

Animal Poison Control First Aid Kit Recommendations

- Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3% (to induce vomiting)
- Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to give peroxide)
- Saline eye solution
- Artificial tear gel
- Mild grease-cutting dish-washing liquid (bathing after skin contamination)

- Forceps (stinger removal)
- Muzzle (to protect against fear or excitement-induced biting)
- Can of favorite wet food
- Pet carrier

Web Resources from Animal Poison Control

- 1. What To Do If Your Pet Is Poisoned
- 2. Poison Control FAQ
- 3. ASPCA Poisonous Household Products
- 4. People Foods To Avoid Feeding Your Pets
- 5. Top Pet Poisons
- 6. Toxic & Non-Toxic Plants (searchable database)