

# Common household poisons

Many household items are toxic for pets.

## Foods

- Alcohol
- Chocolate
- Coffee and other caffeinated food or drinks
- Garlic, onions, and chives
- Grapes and raisins
- Macadamia nuts
- Raw yeast dough
- Xylitol (a common sugar substitute)

## Medications

- ADHD medications
- Antianxiety medications
- Anti-inflammatories, such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, and naproxen
- Heart medications
- And more—ask your vet

## Plants

- *Amaryllis*
- Autumn crocus
- Azalea
- *Cyclamen*
- *Kalanchoe*
- Lilies
- Oleander
- Sago palm
- Tulips
- Yew

## Household chemicals

- Antifreeze products
- Cleaning supplies
- Fertilizers
- Ice-melting products
- Insect poisons
- Rodent poisons

This list of toxins is not exhaustive.

## What does poisoning look like?

Common signs:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Weakness or lethargy
- Unconsciousness
- Anemia or pale gums
- Decreased appetite
- Abnormal behavior
- Muscle tremors
- Seizures



## How is it diagnosed?

- Clinical signs and physical exam results
- Blood work and other lab tests
- Packaging or remnants of suspected poison

## How is it treated?

Most toxins do not have an antidote, so treatment typically focuses on removing the poison from your pet's body while helping to manage their clinical signs.

- Your pet may be given a medication to induce vomiting
- Hospitalization for intravenous fluids and medications may be necessary

- ▶ Bring any packing or remainders of the suspected poison with you to help with diagnosis and treatment.



## How to help your pet

- Never try to treat your pet on your own—human medications can be toxic to pets
- Keep all toxic materials in their original packaging and out of your pet's reach
- Administer all medications as prescribed
- Contact your veterinary team with any questions
- Need immediate advice? Ping Vet Chat™—included in all pet Optimum Wellness Plans®!

- ▶ For more information, contact the Animal Poison Control Center at (844) 442-0880 or [petpoisonhelpline.com](http://petpoisonhelpline.com).

