

## POISONS

They can be sneaky, our hounds. If you have anything laying around, they will be interested. Be vigilant, and put food and items away, because some of those items can be very harmful to them.

It's always a good idea to post, close at hand, your veterinarian's number, the number of an emergency clinic, and the number for the Poison Control Center.

### **Poison Control Hotlines / Emergency Veterinary Clinics in the Villages:**

Before you call, note the time your pet was exposed to the toxin, the type of product ingested, the manufacturer's name and any ingredients you can find listed on packaging.

#### **ASPCA Ani-Med**

1.888.721.9100

#### **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center**

1.888.426.4435

#### **National Animal Poison Control Center**

1.800.548.2423

If you need to speak to a veterinarian there, this service will be billed to a credit card. An alternate number is (900) 680-0000. A veterinarian's services on this line will cost a flat fee (was \$45) for the first five minutes, and an additional fee per minute for each additional minute. These charges will be billed to your phone bill (Call them for current pricing).

### **Kansas State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital**

1.785.532.5679

FREE 24 hours poison control hotline for pet owners and veterinarians. Be patient. The person answering the phone may have to take a few minutes to consult the vet on duty.

### **Pet Lover's Helpline**

1.900.776.0007

### **Tuft University School of Veterinary Medicine**

508.839.5395

### **Emergency Clinics - This is *informational* only - not recommendations**

These clinics are open 24 hours - 7 days a week when something happens - it's good to know where you can call/go in an emergency. Please be aware, they do charge a flat emergency fee and any services will be added to that fee.

#### **Buffalo Ridge Animal Hospital**

748 Campus Circle

The Villages

(352) 750-4711

466A - in the Pinellas Plaza

The Villages

(352) 350-5786

#### **Veterinary Emergency Clinic of Central Florida**

33040 Professional Dr.

Leesberg

(353) 728-4440

(407) 809 - 5588

## Poisonous Items

The following list is not complete and some situations, and with some hounds, many things can be potentially toxic. We can help our hounds by being more vigilant about their environment.

Some **Foods** which are toxic and poisonous to pets:

- Alcohol (all alcoholic beverages, ethanol, methanol, isopropyl)
- Almonds\*
- Apple seeds
- Apricots\*
- Avocado\*
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Cherry pits
- Chocolate (all types)\*
- Coffee grounds, beans & tea (caffeine)
- Figs
- Garlic\*
- Grapes
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Macadamia Nuts
- Milk
- Moldy / spoiled foods
- Mushrooms
- Nutmeg
- Onions\*
- Peaches\*
- Pear seeds
- Plum seed/pit
- Potato (leaves & stem, peelings, and unripe green potatoes)
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves\*
- Sugar Free items with Xylitol (see below)\*\*\*
- Tomatoes (leaves & stem, and green tomatoes)
- Walnut hulls
- Yeast dough

Print the Dangerous Foods for Dogs for quick reference. It not only shows what foods are dangerous, but WHY they are dangerous. There is a link to in on each page under the Poisons link.

Some **plants** potentially toxic to dogs include:

- Azaleas
- Bleeding Hearts
- Buttercups
- Daffodil bulbs (notice this is the bulb and not the flower)
- Dieffenbachia
- English Ivy
- Foxglove
- Iris
- Lantana
- Lilly Of The Valley

Lobelia  
Mistletoe and Holly  
Oleander  
Rhubarb  
Wisteria  
Yew

Some **Common household items** potentially toxic to dogs include:

Alcoholic Beverages  
Antifreeze  
Batteries  
Cigarettes  
Cleansers and Disinfectants  
Coffee Grounds  
Fertilizers  
Fuels  
Furniture Polish  
Laundry Bleach  
Matches  
Mothballs  
Pennies  
Perfume  
Rat Poison/Bait traps  
Shampoo

If you suspect that your dog has been poisoned, get to your veterinarian as soon as possible. In some cases, it may be after hours or the dog may not have the time to wait to get to an emergency clinic. Administering hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting is correct with some poisons, but not all. Check with your vet or poison control first.

**Good websites about poisoning include:**

- [http://www.pacc911.org/Poison\\_Control.html](http://www.pacc911.org/Poison_Control.html)
- <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/poison.html>
- <http://www.doctordog.com/dogbook/dogpoison.html>
- <http://www.gardenforever.com/pages/gardener-education-plants-toxic-to-pets.htm>

**Your first aid kit should contain these items for poisoning.**

- Poison Control number
- a fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent USP (to induce vomiting)
- a turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- saline eye solution
- artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- forceps (to remove stingers)
- a muzzle (to protect against fear or excitement-induced biting)