

# Common Household Poisons for Dogs and Cats



**Many common household items can be harmful to pets; this list can help you identify potential toxins.**

If you suspect your dog or cat has been exposed, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison helpline immediately—early treatment can significantly improve outcomes. **Do not induce vomiting** unless directed by a veterinarian or animal poison expert. Home remedies may be dangerous for certain toxins and can worsen injury.

**Veterinary Hospital:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 888-426-4435**

**Pet Poison Helpline: 855-764-7661**

## FOODS



**Alcohol**  
Ethanol, isopropyl alcohol



**Allium species**  
Onions, garlic, chives, leeks



**Caffeine**  
Coffee, tea, energy drinks



**Chocolate**  
Cocoa, cacao



**Grapes**  
(Dog only)



**Macadamia nuts**  
(Dog only)



**Moldy foods or compost**  
(Dog only)



**Raisins**  
(Dog only)



**Xylitol**  
Birch/wood sugar, birch bark extract (Dog only)

## PLANTS



**Aloe**  
Aloe vera



**Dumb cane**  
Dieffenbachia



**Philodendron**



**Amaryllis**  
Hippeastrum



**Elephant ear**  
Caladium



**Pothos**



**Autumn crocus**  
Colchicum



**English ivy**



**Rhododendron**



**Azalea**



**Foxglove**  
(Dog only)



**Sago palm**



**Castor bean**  
Castor oil plant



**Hyacinth**  
(Cat only)



**Schefflera**  
Umbrella plant



**Cyclamen**



**Kalanchoe**



**Snake plant**  
Dracaena trifasciata



**Daffodil**



**Lily**  
(Cat only)



**Tulip**



**Daylily**  
(Cat only)



**Oleander**



**Yew**  
(Dog only)



**Dracaena**  
Dragon tree



**Peace lily**

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## HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS



Ammonia



Laundry detergent pods



Antifreeze  
ethylene glycol, radiator coolant



Migraine gel masks  
Hydrogel exposure



Bleach



Mothballs



Drain cleaners



Paint thinners



Essential oils  
Tea tree, eucalyptus, peppermint, pine, citrus, wintergreen, clove, cinnamon



Paints



Fertilizers



Pool chemicals



Herbicides  
weed killers, glyphosate products



Rodenticides  
Rat and mouse poison



Household cleaners  
Detergents, disinfectants



Slug and snail bait



Insecticides



Solvents

*These lists are not exhaustive and are intended for general educational purposes only; severity may vary based on amount, timing, and individual patient factors.*

## COMMON HUMAN MEDICATIONS



Acetaminophen  
Tylenol (especially for cats)



ADHD medications



Antidepressants



Heart or blood pressure medications



Ibuprofen and naproxen  
Advil, Motrin, Aleve



Sleep aids

## OTHER COMMON EXPOSURES



Marijuana  
Cannabis / THC products



Tobacco  
Nicotine including vapes and e-liquid

### Get immediate veterinary help if your dog or cat shows any of the following:



- Difficulty breathing
- Excessive drooling
- Collapse or severe weakness
- Pale or abnormal gum color
- Seizures or tremors
- Abdominal pain or swelling
- Repeated vomiting or severe diarrhea
- Extreme lethargy or unresponsiveness