

10 Household Items That Can Poison Your Pet

1. Laundry detergents and fabric softener sheets can smell sweet and intrigue a curious pet. If ingested, these can cause digestive problems, irritation of the mouth and tongue, and even death. Never put a fabric softener sheet in a pet's bed or kennel to make it smell fresher.
2. Mouse and ant killers can be tracked around the house. If exposed to a paw, it can easily be ingested causing a host of health issues. Bring your pet immediately to the vet if you suspect they have had contact with this type of poison.
3. Chocolate, even in small amounts, can harm a dog's heart and nervous system. 1oz of bakers choc. can kill a 10lb dog.
4. Ice melt on driveways and stairs can easily become stuck to paws and fur. When an animal cleans itself, ingesting the chemicals in the ice melt, there can be harmful reactions including skin irritations, seizures, and even death.
5. Oleander, mistletoe, and lily plants are toxic to dogs and cats. Just one leaf from an oleander can kill a small pet. When discarding these plants, do not burn them. Inhaling the smoke can be harmful or even fatal to a pet.
6. Macadamia nuts contain a toxin that can wreak havoc on a dog's digestive and nervous systems.
7. Tylenol can be fatal for a pet. Never give dogs or cats any pain medication intended for humans. If a pet appears to be in pain, contact your vet.
8. Antifreeze is deadly for dogs. The sweet smell attracts many dogs who lap up the pungent liquid. Use a pet friendly alternative to antifreeze.
9. Avocados, raisins, grapes, and onions all contain toxins that are very dangerous for dogs. These foods can cause kidney failure and digestive problems. Onions can be particularly dangerous, so never feed a dog any leftovers such as pizza or Chinese food. As few as 7 grapes/raisins could be toxic.
10. Xylitol is a substitute sweetener found in many sugar free products. If ingested by dogs, it can cause a drop in blood sugar which can lead to a loss of coordination and even seizures.