

# Tips on avoiding ingestion emergencies



Swallowed objects can be dangerous to pets, often requiring X-rays, testing and surgery. Avoid hazardous situations by maintaining a tidy living space and pet-proofing your home.

## Pet-Proofing Your Home

Get on your hands and knees to thoroughly evaluate each room from a pet's-eye view. Remember, if a toddler can get into it, so can a pet. Be on the lookout for:

- Cabinets and drawers that are easy to open
- Garbage cans and laundry hampers without lids
- Decorative items that can be knocked over
- Loose cords and wires

If your pet refuses to eat or is continually vomiting, dry heaving and/or coughing, contact your veterinarian immediately.



## Pets Eat the Darndest Things

- Sewing needle
- Bra with gel inserts
- 15 baby pacifiers, one bottle cap and part of a basketball
- One sock—twice in a row!

These items were ingested by VPI-insured pets. All pets made full recoveries, and their owners were reimbursed for eligible veterinary expenses.

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