



25 COMMON ITEMS TOXIC TO PETS

1. CHOCOLATE

Danger: Contains theobromine and caffeine, which can cause vomiting, diarrhea, rapid heart rate, seizures, and even death in pets.

2. GRAPES AND RAISINS

Danger: Can cause kidney failure in dogs, even in small amounts.

3. ONIONS AND GARLIC

Danger: These can damage red blood cells, leading to anemia in dogs and cats.

4. XYLITOL (ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER)

Danger: Found in sugar-free gum, candy, and some baked goods, xylitol can cause insulin release, leading to hypoglycemia, liver failure, and even death.

5. MENTHOL AND CAMPHOR

Danger: Menthol and camphor in any form is toxic to pets. Pets cannot metabolize menthol such as topical muscle pain treatment found in products like IcyHot and VapoRub, cough drops, lip balm such as Carmex, chewing gum and certain cigarettes. Menthol and Camphor are absorbed into the skin and should never be applied to pets due to the risk of poisoning. Be cautious of accidental contact such as licking a person who has applied a menthol-containing product or ingestion of menthol-containing products as it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, extreme lethargy, seizures or liver damage.

6. CAFFEINE

Danger: Found in coffee, tea, soda, and some medications, caffeine can cause hyperactivity, tremors, and seizures in pets.

7. AVOCADO

Danger: Contains persin, which can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs and can be fatal to birds and other small animals.

8. DAIRY PRODUCTS

Danger: Many pets are lactose intolerant, leading to digestive upset such as diarrhea and stomach pain.

9. NUTS (ESPECIALLY MACADAMIA NUTS)

Danger: Can cause weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors, and hyperthermia in dogs

10. RAW MEAT, BONES, AND EGGS

Danger: Risk of bacterial infections like Salmonella and E. coli, as well as choking or intestinal blockages from bones.

11. PLANTS (SUCH AS LILIES, SAGO PALMS, AND AZALEAS)

Danger: Certain plants are toxic to pets. Lilies can cause kidney failure in cats, while sago palms and azaleas can be deadly to both dogs and cats.

12. MEDICATIONS

Danger: Human medications like pain relievers (ibuprofen, acetaminophen), antidepressants, and ADHD medications can be extremely toxic to pets, leading to serious health issues or death.

13. PAINT AND PAINT THINNERS

Danger: Inhalation or ingestion of paint fumes or thinners can lead to respiratory distress, chemical burns, or poisoning in pets.

14. MOTHBALLS

Danger: Contain chemicals like naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene, which are toxic to pets if ingested, leading to liver and kidney damage or seizures.

15. INSECTICIDES AND RODENTICIDES

Danger: Poisoning from pest control products can cause seizures, internal bleeding, kidney failure, or death.

16. FERTILIZERS

Danger: Ingesting fertilizers can cause gastrointestinal upset, vomiting, and potentially serious complications if they contain pesticides or herbicides.

17. HUMAN VITAMINS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Danger: Certain human vitamins, especially those containing iron, vitamin D, or calcium, can be toxic to pets, leading to serious health issues like organ failure.

18. ALCOHOL

Danger: Even small amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhea, coordination problems, central nervous system depression, and death.

19. ESSENTIAL OILS

Danger: Some essential oils, like tea tree, eucalyptus, and peppermint, can cause skin irritation, respiratory issues, or poisoning in pets if ingested or applied topically.

20. RAW DOUGH

Danger: The yeast in raw dough can ferment in a pet's stomach, leading to alcohol poisoning or life-threatening bloating.

21. SALT AND SALTY SNACKS

Danger: Too much salt can lead to sodium ion poisoning, causing excessive thirst, urination, vomiting, and in severe cases, seizures, coma, or death.

22. ANTIFREEZE (ETHYLENE GLYCOL)

Danger: Highly toxic, even a small amount can cause kidney failure and death in pets.

23. CLEANING PRODUCTS

Danger: Many household cleaners contain chemicals that can be harmful if ingested or inhaled by pets, leading to respiratory issues, burns, or poisoning.

24. TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS

Danger: Ingestion of tobacco products or nicotine patches can cause vomiting, increased heart rate, tremors, and death in pets.

25. BATTERIES

Danger: If chewed or swallowed, batteries can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus or lead to heavy metal poisoning.