

How the Poison Control Center Can Help:

- Fast, free hotline, 24 hours a day at 1-800-222-1222 (VTTY)
- Speak to doctors, nurses and pharmacists right away for any type of poisoning or medication error – even for emergencies!
- Order free poison prevention materials to share with family and friends. Visit FloridaPoisonControl.org or call 1-800-222-1222 to order.






Pets & Poisons

Safety Tips for Pets



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Prevention Tips for Pets

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Every year, Florida's Poison Control Centers help treat thousands of pet poisoning cases. Help prevent accidental pet poisonings with these tips:

Dangerous Foods



- Chocolate (especially dark varieties)
- Sugar-free candy with xylitol
- Grapes
- Raisins
- Garlic
- Onions
- Avocado
- Coffee
- Macadamia nuts
- Fatty or sugar-filled foods
- Alcohol



Other Harmful Items



- Pesticides
- Medications
- Cleaning products
- Nicotine/tobacco products
- Batteries
- Personal care products
- Mothballs
- Certain varieties of plants
- Antifreeze



Holiday Hazards



- **EASTER:** Easter lilies are toxic to cats. Also, plastic grass for Easter baskets can cause intestinal blockage.
- **CHRISTMAS:** Tree water with preservatives can be hazardous to pets.
- **VALENTINE'S DAY:** Chocolate, especially darker varieties, and sugar-free candy containing xylitol are dangerous.



Signs of Pet Poisoning



- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Extreme sleepiness
- Weakness
- Abnormal behavior
- Shaking/convulsing
- Drooling

If You Think Your Pet Has Been Poisoned:



- Wash off their nose/snout or area where the poison is located. If you can rinse the mouth safely, do so.
- Call Florida's Poison Control Centers at 1-800-222-1222. Our specialists can often assist with pet poisonings or refer you to an animal poison control center if necessary.
- While Florida's Poison Control Centers provide free advice, other animal poison control centers may charge a fee for using their services.
- Find out if your veterinarian has emergency hours, or if you have an animal emergency clinic nearby.
- If you have a dog, consider having hydrogen peroxide 3% on hand to induce vomiting. Use **ONLY** if instructed by your veterinarian or the poison control center.