

Common Food, Liquids, & Substances Toxic to Pets

There are many common foods and household items that are benign regarding human exposure but could have deadly consequences when pets contact these substances. This list is not all-inclusive but does highlight some commonly encountered toxins in the home.

If you know or suspect that your pet has consumed any of these items, **please contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 or the Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661**. There is a fee associated with this call, but information obtained during the call is extremely helpful to your veterinarian and could safe your pet's life. After your call with one of these helplines, you will be given a case number. Please report this case number to your veterinarian if the operator states that your pet should be taken to a veterinary clinic for treatment as soon as possible.

In general, it is best not to offer your pet any human food, drinks, or medications. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the numbers above or call our office.

Foods, Liquids, Medications, and Other Substances NOT to be Consumed by Pets:

- Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, and Other Caffeine Containing Products
- Grapes, Raisins, & Cream of Tartar
- Onions, Garlic, & Chives
- Raw Meat, Eggs, & Bones
- Foods Containing the Sugar Substitute Xylitol (Sugar-Free Gum, Candy, Some Medications, etc.)
- Human Toothpaste
- Nuts (esp. Macadamia Nuts)
- Alcohol and Yeast Dough
- Milk and Other Dairy Products
- Fatty Foods (Bacon, Hamburger Meat, and Other Fried Foods)
- Extra Salty Foods (Popcorn, Chips, etc.)
- Mushrooms (esp. Wild Ones)
- Fruits with Pits (esp. Cherries)
- Nutmeg
- Rhubarb
- Moldy Foods
- Houseplants
- Rodent Poisons
- Antifreeze or Other Garage Substances
- Tylenol, Advil, Marijuana, and Other Human Drugs

*For more information on toxic substances to pets, please visit these links: https://www.aspca.org/petcare/animal-poison-control or https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/