

HAZARDS IN THE HOME

You should never let your dogs or cats eat any of these foods. Be sure to store them where your pets can't find them.

HARMFUL FOODS



- 27. Avocados
- 28. Chocolate (all forms)
- 29. Coffee (all forms)
- 30. Onions & onion powder
- 31. Garlic
- 32. Grapes
- 33. Raisins
- 34. Macadamia nuts
- 35. Alcoholic beverages
- 36. Moldy/spoiled foods
- 37. Salt
- 38. Fatty foods
- 39. Gum, candies, or other foods sweetened with xylitol
- 40. Tea leaves
- 41. Raw yeast dough

These household objects can cause puncture wounds, choking, or internal organ damage to your pets. Make sure they aren't left lying around.

OBJECTS



- 42. Balls (specifically balls that are small or have a smooth outer coating)
- 43. Batteries
- 44. Bread twist ties
- 45. Buttons
- 46. Coins
- 47. Cotton swabs
- 48. Glass
- 49. Hair pins
- 50. Jewelry
- 51. Nylons
- 52. Paper clips
- 53. Plastic wrap
- 54. Socks
- 55. Rubber-bands
- 56. Sharp objects (knives, razors, scissors, nails, needles, etc.)
- 57. String, yarn, or dental floss
- 58. Towels
- 59. Wax

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Do you have any of these plants in or around your home? If so, make sure they're in places where your pets can't reach them, or consider getting rid of them altogether.

PLANTS

26. Common Plants



Aloe	Dieffenbachia	Marble Queen
Amaryllis	Dumbcane	Morning Glory
Andromeda Japonica	Easter Lily	Mother-in-Law
Asian Lily	Elephant Ears	Mountain Laurel
Asparagus Fern	Emerald Fern	Narcissus
Australian Nut	English Ivy	Needlepoint Ivy
Autumn Crocus	Eucalyptus	Nephthysis
Azalea	Ferns	Nightshade
Belladonna	Fiddle-leaf Philodendron	Oleander
Bird of Paradise	Gold Dust Dracaena	Panda
Bittersweet (American and European)	Florida Beauty	Peace Lily
Black Locust	Foxglove	Philodendron
Branching Ivy	Glacier Ivy	Poison Hemlock
Buckeye	Gladiolas	Precatory Bean (rosary pea)
Buddhist Pine	Golden Pothos	Privet
Caladium	Heavenly Bamboo	Red Emerald
Calla Lily	Honeysuckle	Rhododendron
Castor Bean	Hurricane Plant	Ribbon Plant
Ceriman	Hyacinth	Sago Palm
Clematis	Hydrangea	Satin Pothos
Cordatum	Iris	Schefflera
Corn Plant	Jerusalem Cherry	Striped Dracaena
Cycads	Jimson Weed	Sweetheart Ivy
Cyclamen	Kalanchoe	Tulip
Daffodil	Lantana	Water Hemlock
Daylily	Lilies (all Liliun species)	Wisteria
Devil's Ivy	Lily of the Valley	Yew
	Lupine	Yucca

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Dogs and cats are more likely to be injured in these areas of your home. Keep your pets away from these places or watch them closely when they're near them if you can.

TROUBLE AREAS



- 60. Balconies** - Tall balconies without safety railings, or railings spaced too far apart, can lead to a dangerous fall.
- 61. Bath tubs or sinks** - Small pets can drown in full bathtubs or sinks.
- 62. Doors and windows** - Dogs and cats can run away if they find an open door or window. They can also get seriously injured if they run across a busy road. Windows should have screens to prevent cats or other pets from falling out.
- 63. Electrical cords** - Your pets can be electrocuted if they bite or chew on electrical cords that are plugged in.
- 64. Fireplace** - Your pets can be burned by the flames or get sick if they eat the ashes.
- 65. Toilets** - Toilet water is not healthy for pets to drink; always remember to close the lid. Make sure you leave plenty of clean, fresh water for your pets if you must leave them home alone.
- 66. Washer and Dryer** - Your pets can crawl into a washer or dryer without your knowledge; close the doors to these appliances when you're not using them.

HOLIDAY HAZARDS

Help your pets enjoy the holidays safely by keeping them away from potential problems on these special days.

79. Alcohol - Alcoholic beverages are toxic to pets and should NEVER be given to them during the holidays or any other time.

VALENTINE'S DAY



80. Flowers and candy - Many types of flowers and plants found in bouquets are harmful to dogs and cats if they are ingested (see our list of hazardous plants on page 8). Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures, and, in severe cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal.

EASTER



81. Fake grass - This colorful "grass" may look appetizing to your pets, but it could cause them to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested.

82. Small toys and other plastic items - If swallowed, small toys and plastic Easter eggs can cause your pet to choke or even damage their intestinal tracts.

4th OF JULY



83. Fireworks - Fireworks can scare your pets making them run off, or cause serious injuries if detonated near them. Many formulations are also toxic if ingested.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 1-888-426-4435. Where knowledge is your lifeline.

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CHRISTMAS



- 90. Holiday plants** - Christmas rose, Holly, Lilies and Mistletoe are all toxic to dogs and cats.
- 91. Ribbons** - It may look adorable, but placing a ribbon around your pet's neck may cause them to choke.
- 92. Bubbling lights** - Older forms of this attractive decoration may contain methylene chloride, which is a highly toxic chemical.
- 93. Fire salts** - Contain chemicals that could be harmful to pets.
- 94. Angel hair (spun glass)** - Can be irritating to eyes and skin, and could cause intestinal obstruction if eaten in large amounts.
- 95. Christmas tree water** - Stagnant tree water or water containing preservatives could result in stomach upset if ingested.
- 96. Decoration hooks** - Can cause blockage and/or trauma to gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.
- 97. Styrofoam** - Can cause your pets to choke if swallowed.
- 98. Ornaments** - These can look like toys to cats and dogs, but they can cause serious injury, especially if your pets break or swallow them.
- 99. Tinsel** - Can cause choking or internal trauma if swallowed.

NEW YEAR'S



- 100. Balloons and Confetti** - These fun New Year's party decorations can cause your pets to choke or obstruct their intestines if ingested. Keep an eye on your pets when they're around these items or move them to an area that is not decorated.
- 101. Loud noises** - New Year's is typically a noisy holiday. Unfortunately, loud noises frighten pets and can cause them to run off. Keep your pets in a separate room, away from noisemakers, music, and other loud sounds that may startle them.