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COMMON PET DANGERS

We know you love your fur babies and we want to help you keep them safe, so we have compiled a list of the common dangers they can be faced with in the home and garden.

You can contact a vet 24 hours a day - please phone us immediately if you are concerned something may have been eaten because the quicker we treat the greater the chance of success. In some cases, we can attempt to make the patient vomit, but this only works well within the first hour. Please keep hold of any packaging, so we can identify the ingredients in anything that has been eaten.

- ◆ **LILLIES - THE WHOLE PLANT** is toxic to cats if eaten/licked off fur. This is extremely serious in cats and can cause **untreatable** kidney failure. Death is possible. Prevent any licking/wash the coat if the fur is contaminated. Please don't have lilies in your house or garden.
- ◆ **GRAPES/RAISINS/CURRENTS/SULTANAS** - can cause **untreatable** kidney failure in some dogs, one grape alone can be dangerous in susceptible individuals.
- ◆ **CHOCOLATE** - in dogs and cats it can cause vomiting/diarrhoea/irregular heart rhythms and seizures; dark chocolate is more toxic than milk and white.
- ◆ **ONIONS/LEEK/GARLIC/SHALLOT** - can cause damage to dogs red blood cells and the anaemia can be so severe a blood transfusion can be needed. Please consider onion can be added to many products e.g. gravy/soup that you might give as a treat.
- ◆ **ANTIFREEZE- (Ethylene Glycol)** - found in engine coolant and screen-wash. Dangerous to pets and humans, sadly ingestion is not often known about until too late when **untreatable** kidney failure occurs. Prevent access to where it is stored and wash away spillages.
- ◆ **RAT POISON** - dangerous to all pets, causes serious internal bleeding and neurological signs.
- ◆ **XYLITOL** - a sweetener and can cause blood sugar levels to drop causing a condition like a diabetic 'hypo' with collapse and seizures. It can be found in many products such as some chewing gums and sweets.
- ◆ **CAFFEINE** - sources include drinks, chocolate, medications. Affects the brain, heart and breathing systems.

- ◆ **MOULDY FOOD** - mycotoxins poison the central nervous system and can cause seizures.
- ◆ **PARACETOMOL/IBUPROFEN/ASPIRIN/HUMAN MEDICATIONS** can be fatal. Many cats have died when their owners have given them paracetamol. Many human medications are toxic to pets and pets are much smaller than humans.
- ◆ **SLUG PELLETS (Metaldehyde)**
- ◆ **INSECTICIDES** – e.g. permethrin can be extremely toxic to cats and is contained in some dog flea products that can be bought in pet shops.
- ◆ **WEEDKILLERS (Organophosphates, Phenoxyb acid, Diquat, Glyphosate)** - check the packaging ingredients for danger to pets and prevent contact.

Less common dangers:

- ◆ **OTHER INDOOR DANGERS** Nicotine, cannabis, anti-depressants, anti-epileptics, Vitamin D supplements, diarrhoea treatments (Loperamide and Mebeverine), household chemicals (Bleach, Acids, Alkalis contained in some surface wipes), pot pourri, margosa oil, iron, lead, batteries, zinc found in pennies/galvanized nuts and bolts, peanuts, monkey nuts, macadamia nuts.
- ◆ **OTHER OUTDOOR DANGERS** Adder bites, conkers, acorns, fungi (mushrooms/toadstools) bluebells, green potatoes.
- ◆ **DOG OTHER PLANTS** Bulbs (Narcissus, Daffodil, Bluebell, Hyacinth), Spiderplant (*Chlorophytum comosum*), Colchicum (Autumn Crocus, colchicum, meadow saffron), Spring crocus, Cotoneaster, Dffenbachia, Holly, Ivy, Laburnum, Mistletoe, Rhododendrons, Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan, Mountain Ash), Taxus (Yew Tree).
- ◆ **CAT OTHER PLANTS** Spiderplant (*Chlorophytum comosum*), Cordyline, Cyclamen, Dracaena (Dragon Tree/Lucky bamboo), Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum*).