

Poisonous Items – Pain Relievers, Rat Poison, Artificial Sweeteners

Mouse or Rat Poison

If exposure to mouse poison was within the past hour, you may give a dog a small amount of hydrogen peroxide 2% solution orally to induce vomiting, the amount is based on the dog's size. Call a veterinarian to consult. Your pet will likely also need a clotting test to determine the extent of bleeding problems from the poison. A medication will need to be given to your pet for 2-3 weeks to counteract the long term poison effects. If you have the box or package of poison available, bring it with as different poisons require different antidotes for different lengths of time. Some pets may not show any signs of a bleeding problem for 7-21 days, and then it may be too late. Mouse poisons are extremely toxic to cats and dogs in small amounts and when caught early, treatment is usually successful.

Artificial Sweeteners

Recently, **Zylitol** has been used in baking as an artificial sweetener. It is also found in some sugar-free chewing gums. This sweetener has proven to be toxic and even fatal to many animals. Do not give pets any foods made with this sweetener or allow access to products containing this drug.

Human Medications – Pain Relievers

Pets are sometimes treated with human medications. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT ANY MEDICATION PEOPLE CAN TAKE WILL BE GOOD FOR OUR FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS. Drugs such as Tylenol and Advil are lethal to cats and very likely dogs as well. Aspirin may sometimes be prescribed for cats in very tiny quantities twice a week, but it can also be fatal at inappropriate dosages. Do not give your pet Ibuprofen (Advil, etc.), Naproxen, Tylenol, or other pain medications. These medications have caused kidney and liver failure, severe stomach bleeding, and death in cats and dogs. Our pets metabolize drugs very differently than we do, thus these same drugs that we use may be fatal to our pets. There are safe pain medications designed specifically for cats and dogs. Consult your veterinarian before giving your pet any human medications.



Also remember, from a previous newsletter, where we mentioned that a Veterinarian at the University of Minnesota said that mushrooms and palm tree leaves will do the same thing to a dog's liver as well as rat poison and Tylenol!!!!