



Safety Tips for Your Pets



THE FOLLOWING CAN BE EXTREMELY HARMFUL AND EVEN FATAL TO YOUR PET:

Smoke inhalation (even while outdoors) from marijuana, tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, pipes), vaping, and other types of exposure to smoke can be fatal to your pet, whether it be soon after exposure or over a longer period of time, depending on the type of smoke, the amount of smoke, how often the exposure, the size of your pet, and other factors.

Chemical inhalation or contact with bleach and other disinfectants can cause permanent lung damage or neurological problems and even death.

Medicines not specifically prescribed for your pet by a veterinarian should not be given to your pet. Certain medicines such as Tylenol can easily cause death.

Baby wipes or other human cleaning wipes can be toxic to pets.

Many household & outdoor plants, herbs, seeds, and fruits may be toxic to your pet.

Caffeine and Theobromine which are ingredients found in chocolate, can be fatal to your pet.



Salt & other seasonings can be harmful to pets' digestive systems and should be avoided, just as certain other human foods which contain a lot of fat. Never give cow's milk to your pet. Plain, boiled chicken and white rice is fine to feed your pet with its regular pet food, and also makes a delicious and nutritious treat. Adding some unseasoned vegetables such as carrots and green beans is also fine.

Bones or rawhide chew treats of any type can also be very dangerous to your pet. Slivers of bones can be caught in your pet's teeth, throat, or if fully ingested, can lodge and perforate your pet's intestines. Pets can also break their teeth while trying to chew on hard bones. Pets often chew off and swallow chunks of rawhide treats which are not digestible and can cause an intestinal blockage or become lodged in their throat. Instead of a bone or rawhide treat, give your pet a treat which is easily chewable and digestible.

Toys which have been chewed, broken, or torn, or small toys can become lodged in your pet's teeth, throat, or intestines. Toys such as tennis balls or small objects which can be swallowed by your pet and become lodged in your pet's throat could rapidly cause your pet to suffocate. It is okay for your pet to play with a ball while under your close supervision only, but remove the ball or other potentially dangerous toys at all other times. It is always best that your pet does not have access to any toys or other objects which may potentially be dangerous while it is left alone or during times it is not being closely watched by you.

If your pet is ever injured or shows signs of illness such as vomiting, diarrhea, fever, severe shaking, or exhibits any other abnormal symptoms or behavior, call your regular veterinarian or the closest emergency pet hospital. Below is a list of some **Emergency Pet Clinics**. HEART is not responsible for the accuracy of this information.



OC Emergency Pet Clinic	12750 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove	714-462-1829
North Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic	3920 N. Harbor, Fullerton	714-681-1979
Animal Urgent Care	28085 Hillcrest Dr., Mission Viejo	949-364-6228
VCA West Coast Specialty & Emerg Animal Hospital	18300 Euclid St., Fountain Valley	714-241-9001
Central OC Emergency Animal Hospital	3720 Campus Dr., Ste D, Newport Beach	949-261-7979
Irvine Valley Veterinary Hospital	15435 Jeffrey Rd., Ste 107, Irvine	949-239-7298