

## **Poison Safety**

Many household items and foods that people eat can be dangerous to dogs. Signs of poisoning include: Trembling, drooling, vomiting, and loss of bowel control. This is a partial list of substances that are bad for dogs. Try to clean up anything your dog could possibly reach, and don't underestimate the resourcefulness of a determined animal!

Foods: Chocolate (which contains theobromine, which can be fatal to dogs. The darker the chocolate, the more theobromine; baking chocolate is the worst), coffee beans or grounds, anything with caffeine, alcohol, grapes, raisins, onions and onion powder, broccoli or garlic in large amounts, castor beans, apricot seeds, peach pits, plum pits or Japanese plums, apple seeds, nutmeg, sugarless candies or gums (containing Xylitol), almonds, avocados, Balsam pears, fatty foods, macadamia nuts, yeast dough, moldy or spoiled foods.

Plants: Aloe Vera, Asparagus fern, azalea, cactus, daffodil, deadly nightshade, dumbcane, elephant's ear, Ficus, foxglove,

holly, honeysuckle, horse chestnut, ivy, Japanese Yew, jasmine, lilies, lily of the valley, marijuana, mistletoe, morning glory, mums, oak, oleander, philodendron, poinsettias, poppies, rhododendron, rhubarb, skunk cabbage, tobacco, tulip bulbs, Virginia creeper, wild mushrooms, dieffenbachia, spinach, tomato and potato leaves & stems, Narcissus bulbs, wild cherry

Household Substances: Antifreeze, any household cleaners, bleach, toilet bowl cleaners, drain openers, soap, insecticides, mothballs, polishes, rodent poison, sunscreen, fireworks, citronella, fertilizers, herbicides, batteries, ibuprofen, naproxen, acetaminophen, human antidepressants, multivitamins, supplements, antibiotics gasoline, motor oil, transmission fluid, boric acid, deodorants, kerosene, matches, paint, potpourri, turpentine, windshield wiper fluid, coins, hair coloring, compost, de-icing salts, or other dangerous chemicals and medicines.

## ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 1-800-548-2423