

TOXIN EXPOSURE

Important information regarding what to do if your pet is exposed to a toxin:

- When your pet has ingested a possible toxin time is of the essence. Contact your veterinarian immediately when you suspect your pet has been exposed to a possible toxin.
- Most toxins break down in the stomach and get absorbed into the bloodstream in less than thirty minutes. For this reason it is very important to contact your veterinarian immediately when you suspect your pet has ingested a possible toxin.
- The sooner the toxin is removed from your pet's stomach the better since less of it will be absorbed into your pet's bloodstream.
- Your veterinarian will want to know what toxin your pet was exposed to and how much your pet ate. Bring the box or bottle with you to the vet clinic so your veterinarian will have the information they need to effectively treat your pet.
- Keep in mind inducing vomiting is NOT indicated with some toxins. For example, corrosive substances like acids can burn the esophagus when inducing vomiting and for this reason it is NOT recommended. Consult your veterinarian before attempting to induce vomiting.
- Common toxins: Chocolate, human over the counter medications, human prescription medications, over the recommended dose of pet medications, certain plants, rat poison, household cleaners and chemicals, xylitol (present in some chewing gum), grapes, raisins, onions, garlic etc...