

POISONING TIPS

Call your vet immediately! Report what was ingested, when, how much and any symptoms. Keep your dog calm and in your presence. Bag samples of any vomit or feces; it can be useful later. If there is anything of the original container left, be sure to take it to the vet.

For help 24/7, call the ASPCA poison hotline **1-888-426-4435**. There is a \$65 consultation fee; your credit card will be charged. The website is <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control.aspx>

You can call the government's Poison Control Center, **1-800-222-1222**. Double check this number; it is generally found in the front of phone books. You may also call the emergency room of your hospital and ask them if they can request the information from the Poison Control Center for you.

If the poison is a human medication, call the manufacturer for more info. Many times they have a nurse or vet on staff that may be able to help you. Most companies are available Monday –Friday.

Use this advice ONLY if you know what was ingested and you cannot reach a vet for treatment or advice.

INGESTION OF PILLS, ANTIFREEZE BUT **NOT** CAUSTIC SUBSTANCES SUCH AS LYE

Induce vomiting by giving 1 tbsp. 3% hydrogen peroxide per 10 lbs. Your dog should vomit in 5 – 10 minutes. If not, try the same dosage again. Give no more than 2-3 doses as hydrogen peroxide can be harmful. You can also try ½ - 1 tsp of salt on the back of the tongue. Seek vet help immediately!

Do not induce vomiting in the following circumstances:

the poison is an acid, alkali, solvent or heavy duty cleaner

the dog is severely depressed or comatose

petroleum products, tranquilizers or a sharp object were ingested

more than 2 hours have passed since the poison was swallowed

INGESTION OF CAUSTICS ie drain cleaner, kerosene

DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING!

Give 3 tsp vinegar or lemon juice diluted in an equal amount of water. This can neutralize but you must still get to a vet immediately.

INGESTION OF ACID ie batteries, bleach

Give Milk of Magnesia 1 tsp. per 5 lbs of body weight. You may also give activated charcoal (one tablet to 10 ml water) given at the rate of 1 tsp per 2 lbs, follow with a pint of water.

*Never give any liquid to a dog that is severely depressed, comatose, unable to swallow or experiencing seizures.

*If the poison is on the coat, paws or skin, wash well with soap and water. It is best to give a bath in lukewarm water. Shampoo and rinse at least 3-5 times. Petroleum products should be treated with vegetable oil then shampooed and rinsed well.