



The Inside Scoop

"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person." (Andrew A. Rooney)

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Pet Poison Prevention

What you don't know could hurt your dog

In **2017** and in just the **United States**, there were 199,000 reported cases of potential pet poisonings, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Poison Control Center (APCC). This was an increase from the previous 180,000 the prior year!

So what were the **#1 & #2** pet toxins that year? **Human** medications; both prescription and over-the-counter (OTC).

Common items found in every home!



That's why every year during the 3rd full week of March, the focus is put on proactively **preventing** accidental pet poisonings.

Refer to the Infographic on the reverse for more details

Remember: Curiosity never takes a break

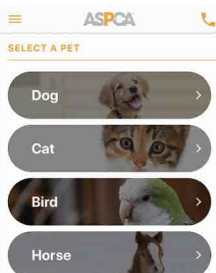
Dogs are curious (puppies even more so) and they learn a lot about their world through their mouths. Just like you wouldn't leave anything potentially dangerous or toxic within reach of your infant or toddler, it's just as important when it comes to your curious canines. Keep **all** toxins out of sight/smell **and** reach of your dog's inquisitive nose and mouth!



Remember: Size does matter

If you have **small dogs or puppies** in your home, remember they are even **MORE** susceptible to toxins in **smaller quantities** - and in **less time** - with more severe and potentially life-threatening results.

(This **doesn't** mean the larger and giant dogs are any safer though!)



Always Be informed and ready

Prepare yourself with the free mobile app from APCC which identifies **300+** potential hazards. Available for iPhones and Androids, this searchable database provides images, symptoms and a one-touch speed-dial to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.

(Sources: ASPCA.org, Pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/top-10-dog-poisons and PetPoisonHelpline.com)



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The one Minute Dog Tip

The Newest Threat to your Dog

With cannabis moving from cultural taboo into the mainstream (recreationally and medicinally), sadly, it **also poses a new danger** to your dog.

Even if you do not partake, it **may** be in places you and your dog visit (homes, businesses and even in public). Neither **marijuana** nor **edibles made with marijuana** are safe for your dog!

Know the facts and keep your dog (other pets and children) safe!

- » **Marijuana** contains THC (a natural, mind-altering ingredient). It should always be **kept out of reach** of children and pets.
- » **Hemp** does **NOT** contain THC. Hemp contains high levels of **toxic-free CBD** (an active medicinal compound).

(Source: www.aspcapro.org/resource/shelter-health-poison-control/marijuana-toxicosis-animals)

"Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished."

(Dean Koontz, Author)



March Pets of Pet Scoop Calendar - Pin Up Pet

