

# ANIMAL SAFETY TIPS

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Most owners do all they can to keep their pets safe. Yet there are some dangers that pet owners may not know about. Even if pet owners take care to pet-proof their homes, accidents can happen.

## Dogs

- Chocolate, especially a lot of it, is very toxic to dogs. If your dog eats chocolate, immediately give her hydrogen peroxide to make her vomit.
- It is very dangerous for tiny dogs to sniff inside a sandwich bag. They could get stuck and suffocate. If this happens, free your dog from the bag and breathe into her mouth until she breathes again.
- Have your vet insert an ID microchip under your pet's skin. The microchip will contain your dog's name and your contact information. Hopefully someone will take your lost dog to a vet, who will scan the chip, get the information, and let you know she has been found. People have their cats microchipped, too!
- If your dog has an open wound that has become red and swollen, take her to a vet. Most likely the wound is infected, and your vet will prescribe antibiotics.

## Cats

- Keep all string, ribbon, yarn, and rubber bands carefully stored away. If swallowed, any of these items could wrap around your cat's intestines and cause permanent damage -- or even death.
- Many indoor plants are toxic to cats. You can find a list of these on the Internet. If your cat eats part of an indoor plant that is toxic, take him and the plant to the vet immediately.
- Make sure that the doors of cabinets containing cleaning supplies are securely closed. If cats step on even a small amount of a harsh cleaning product and lick their paws, it could be dangerous to their health.
- Curious little kittens can easily fall into toilets, and some have been known to drown there! If you have a kitten, keep toilet seats in your house down at all times.

