



May Newsletter

Household Chemical Dangers

Rat and mouse poisons:

Some of these taste good so animals will try to eat them. The symptoms your pet will show if they've eaten poison is lethargy, easy bruising, bleeding from the nose or mouth and blood in their urine or feces. Treating poisoning is to induce vomiting. You will need to note how much (if any) of the poison is vomited up. To prevent your pet from ingesting rat and mouse poisons use safe mouse and rat traps.

Antifreeze:

Antifreeze has a sweet taste that animals like. It can be fatal even in small amounts. Symptoms to look for if you think your pet has drunk any antifreeze are excessive thirst, diarrhea, panting, vomiting, convulsions, wobbling and increased urination. If you think your pet has gotten into antifreeze, rush them immediately to your vet. Use antifreeze that contains propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol, which is the type of antifreeze that is fatal.

Pine-Sol and Lysol:

These cleaning products contain phenol and phenol derivative and are especially toxic to cats. If your cat displays symptoms such as muscle twitches, depression, coma, respiratory distress or jaundice, contact your vet immediately. Use safe home cleaning products to prevent your pet from getting sick.

Flea and Tick products:

Some flea and tick products are made with organophosphates, carbamates, and synthetic pyrethrins. Cats are especially sensitive to these chemicals. They can get seizures or even die from products intended for dogs that are mistakenly used on cats.

Fertilizers, plant food and pesticides:

Keep your pets away from lawns, gardens and plants that have been treated with any type of pesticide. If your pet should come in contact with fertilizers or pesticides, contact your vet immediately.

If gasoline, tar, motor oil, ice melting chemicals, and lawn chemicals get on your pet's coat, this can also cause a risk.

My Dog Lives In This House

My dog lives in this house. You are welcome to come and visit me anytime but we have a few things that you must understand before you visit. You must expect a few dog hairs to stick to your clothes. I vacuum and clean, but my dog lives here too.

You may be leaned on and find him in your lap a few times but he does this because he loves people and wants to say Hello. So if you feel that you are too good for his love then you are not welcomed here because this is his home too.

If you are one of those people who think all animals are dirty and smell, then go away. You are not the type of person that I care to associate with. If you don't like the sound of barking, then my home is not going to be a comfortable place for you to visit.

Do not expect me to lock my dog in another room during your visit. I will not make him feel as if he is being punished by locking him away for no reason. That would be cruel. When you walk into my home, be careful not to trip on a stuffed toy or ball. These are my dog's treasures and I will not take them away from him just to show you that I keep a clean house. He knows where all his toys are. They may not look like much to you, but to him, they are worth more than gold.

You see, this is OUR home.

I am proud of him. I consider him my personal gift from GOD. He has done nothing but give me his endless love and devotion for many years. I love him dearly and want to make his years as happy as he has made mine.

When I'm sick, he stays right by my side as I do when he is not feeling his best. A better friend I could not ask for.

He has given me nothing but pure joy and I love him endlessly. So please understand that I am not being rude. I'm just looking out for my best friend.

.... Author Unknown

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