



Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

Poisonous Items To Pets



The most important thing a pet parent can do to minimize the risk of accidental poisoning is to remove access to all of those items. Store all household and yard chemicals in a locked area away from where pets eat or sleep. Utilize safety locks for all lower cabinets within easy reach of pets. To reduce the risk of a food based poisoning, buy a refrigerator magnet listing what foods are dangers to pets and make sure everyone is aware of what foods are dangerous to our furry family members. Make sure young children know not to share their food, candy or gum with pets and explain that it can make their pet very sick.

Common food items toxic to pets:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Apple seeds
- Apricot pits
- Avocados
- Cherry pits
- Chocolate
- Coffee, tea and soda due to the caffeine content

Health Tip for the Season

If you think your pet has ingested something poisonous, you can call either ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435 for a \$65 fee or Pet Poison Helpline at 1-800-213-6680 for a \$49 fee.

The Poison Control lines will need some information from you to be able to help. Please have your pet's weight, what the pet has eaten, how much, and how recently - if this information is known to you.

If at any time your pet begins to heavily drool, become unsteady or disoriented, or loses consciousness, seek veterinary care IMMEDIATELY!

Training Tip for the Season

One of the best ways to avoid poisoning is

- Grapes
- Macadamia nuts
- Mushrooms
- Mustard seeds
- Onions and onion powder
- Peach pits
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves
- Walnuts
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener toxic to pets. Many sugar free foods, such as peanut butter, candy and gum contain Xylitol)
- Yeast dough

Common Household Items Toxic Pets

- Aleve
- Bait traps
- Batteries
- Battery fluid
- Bleach
- Dibutyl phthalate (often called DBP) commonly found in glow sticks and glow jewelry
- Dishwashing detergent
- Drain cleaners
- Drywall compound
- Ethylene glycol AKA Antifreeze
- Fertilizer
- Foam insulation
- Foil
- Glue
- Hair dye
- Insecticide
- Lead paint
- Liquid potpourri
- Mothballs
- Motrin
- Mouse and rat poisons
- Oven cleaners
- Paint removers
- Pool chemicals
- Tea tree oil
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Tylenol
- Varnishes
- Windshield washer fluid
- Zinc

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by training your pet the 'leave it' command. If you and your pet should come upon any poisonous or unknown items while out on a walk, or you accidentally drop your medication while trying to get a pill out of the bottle, or the kids leave out a basket of chocolate - knowing the leave it command could save your pets life!

Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

While the 'leave it' command is a literal lifesaver, it only works if someone is around to see your pet get into the item. It's always best to store toxic food and cleaning items out of the reach of your pets!

Store toxic food products on high shelves or in cabinets. Pet proofing and child safety locks can be utilized to keep all lower cabinets locked containing cleaning products or laundry products.

Featured Organization of the Month



Joey's Paw

Joey's PAW (PAW stands for prosthetic and wheelchairs) helps rescues, shelters and individual dogs get prosthetic and wheelchairs for those in need. They give those pets the chance at living their best life possible! Joey's Paw also hopes that with these devices, the pets will have a better chance at getting adopted. Joey's PAW just celebrated their 2 year anniversary and as of 2019, Joey's Paw has helped **566** animals!

Boone is the ambassador for Joey's PAW and he attends all their events. Joey's PAW initially pledged a wheelchair to the rescue that had Boone but Joey's Paw founders were complete foster failures (they adopted him) almost immediately. They got him a wheelchair and he became a whole new dog and came to life!

Joey's Paw will be having their 2nd annual Spring Fling on Thursday May 14, 2020 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at Domenico's Restaurant in Cranberry Twp. PA. Tickets will be \$35 until May 1 and \$40 after May 1 so get your tickets early! There will be basket raffles, 50/50, plinko and a wine bottle toss! Tickets include buffet, drink ticket and dessert.

You can donate to Joey's Paw via their [Facebook page](#), [website](#) or through Paypal at <https://www.paypal.me/JoeyPAW>

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March Birthdays



These pets will be celebrating a birthday in the month of March!

Luna Ioannou
Violet Klaput
Lilly White
Amber DeMello
Mouse Koncz
Momma Wolfe
Koda Klaput
Stanley Ashley
Dexie Hammill
Lacey Senchak
Kit Kat Wolfe
Pythagoras Roberson
Boudecia Roberson
Ginger Mack
Topaz Kranick
Tucker Ashley

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Homemade Spinach Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked spinach, pureed
- 1/2 cup water from your cooked spinach
- 1 whole egg
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix spinach, spinach water, oil, and egg.

Turn your mixer on medium-high and let your dough churn for about 60-seconds or until it's mashed up.

Dust your workspace with flour and turn your mixed dough out. Knead the dough and roll it out until about 1/2 inch thick. Cut shapes out with cookie cutter of your choice.

Bake your biscuits for approximately 25 minutes or until just starting to turn golden around the edges.



Spinach and Chicken Cat Treats

Ingredients:

- 1/2 pound steamed organic boneless and skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup fresh organic spinach leaves
- 1 cup organic quick-cooking oats
- 1 organic brown egg
- 1 tablespoon organic catnip
- 1/4 cup flour

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F.

Steam the boneless and skinless chicken thighs until cooked through. You can swap for boneless and skinless organic chicken breasts, salmon, or tuna with cat-loving results too. Let the chicken cool for 20 minutes before the next step.

Place the chicken, oats, spinach leaves, egg, and catnip in a blender or food processor, and pulse on low until the mixture blends together. It should still be a bit chunky but also smooth, similar to the texture of wet sand.

Pop the mixture into a bowl and add the flour. You can also add a dash of salt or sugar to mix up the flavor. Use your hands to knead the dough until it's no longer sticky, then place on a flour-dusted work surface.



Use a rolling pin to create a rectangle of dough around 1/2 inch thick. With the help of a pizza cutter or small cookie cutter, create small shapes for the finished treats.

Place the kitty treats on a parchment-lined sheet tray, and bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool until room temperature.



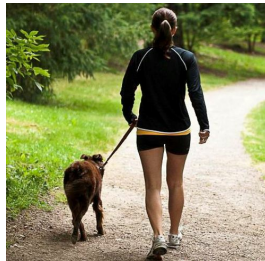
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