

# A POISON SAFE HOME

## Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pet

- \* Alcoholic beverages
- \* Avocado
- \* Chocolate (all forms)
- \* Coffee (all forms)
- \* Fatty foods
- \* Macadamia nuts
- \* Moldy or spoiled foods
- \* Onions, onion powder
- \* Raisins and grapes
- \* Salt
- \* Yeast dough
- \* Garlic
- \* Products sweetened with xylitol

## Cold Weather Hazards

- \* Antifreeze
- \* Liquid potpourri
- \* Ice melting products
- \* Rat and mouse bait

## Common Household Hazards

- \* Fabric softener sheets
- \* Mothballs
- \* Post-1982 pennies (due to high concentration of zinc)

## Holiday Hazards

- \* Christmas tree water (may contain fertilizers and bacteria, which, if ingested, can upset the stomach)
- \* Electrical cords
- \* Ribbons or tinsel (can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction—most often occurs with kittens)
- \* Batteries
- \* Glass ornaments
- \* Poinsettia

## Non-toxic Substances for Dogs and Cats

The following substances are considered to be non-toxic, although they may cause mild gastrointestinal upset in some animals:

- \* Water-based paints
- \* Toilet bowl water
- \* Silica gel
- \* Cat Litter
- \* Glue Traps
- \* Glow Jewelry

## Medication

Common examples of human medications that can be potentially lethal to pets, even in small doses, include:

- \* Pain killers
- \* Cold medicines
- \* Anti-cancer drugs
- \* Antidepressants
- \* Vitamins
- \* Diet Pills

## Warm Weather Hazards

- \* Blue-green algae in ponds
- \* Citronella candles
- \* Cocoa mulch
- \* Compost piles Fertilizers
- \* Flea products
- \* Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- \* Swimming-pool treatment supplies
- \* Fly baits containing methomyl
- \* Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde
- \* Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions