

Keep a dog poisoning kit handy

Dangerous poisons lurk everywhere for dogs and puppies in particular are so curious, they can get into big trouble. Common dangers include:

- people food that's poisonous for dogs
- chemicals and household cleaners around your home
- poisonous plants for dogs
- medications - both ours and our pets.'

Typical poison symptoms in dogs include:

- staggering and sudden collapse
- sudden and intense drooling
- vomiting
- shaking
- convulsions
- a spike in temperature

If you suspect your dog has been poisoned and is exhibiting these signs, CALL YOUR VET AT ONCE and then:

- INDUCE VOMITING at once if you believe your dog has ingested something dangerous
- Do NOT induce vomiting if your dog is unconscious, is having trouble breathing, or is exhibiting signs of serious distress or shock.
- Do NOT induce vomiting if you suspect your dog has ingested corrosives--instead, give some oil orally
 - "Corrosives" are strong acids (like hydrochloric, nitric or sulfuric acid) and strong bases (like sodium hydroxide in drain cleaner and potassium hydroxide in some dishwashing machine powders).

Contact your Vet if possible before inducing vomiting because in some instances, this could cause more harm than good.

How to induce vomiting

It's fairly simple:

- mix EQUAL PARTS hydrogen peroxide and water and give right away
- 1 or 2 tablespoons per 10 pounds body weight to induce vomiting.
- A very small toy dog like a Morkie would get only 2 or 3 tablespoons of the mixture (equal parts hydrogen peroxide and water) up to three times.
- Use a turkey baster or eyedropper if necessary to give mixture to dog by mouth.
- Repeat up to three times.
- Don't hesitate to use the turkey baster or eyedropper to get the mixture right back down in the dog's mouth so that it's fully swallowed.

Prepare a dog poisoning kit now and it just might save your dog's life down the road.

Be prepared by assembling the following kit:

- a fresh bottle of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide, available at any drugstore
- measuring spoons
- a small bowl for mixing
- a turkey baster
- eyedropper
- these instructions
- your veterinarian's name and phone number
- the number for your local animal poison control centre, also printed out

Also keep a small bottle of olive oil in the kit, as well as activated charcoal tablets -- to give in case your dog has swallowed something corrosive. Activated charcoal is good at trapping chemicals and prevents their absorption.

Let everyone in the family know where this kit is, and if you take your dog away with you on vacation or to the cottage, make up a second kit or be sure to take one from home. And remember, prevention is many times more effective - and easier - than treatment!

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