

Prevent Dog Poisoning

One of the most comprehensive lists of **pet poisons** available online: [Pet Poison Helpline](#).

The four main causes of dog poisoning are:

1. getting into your medications, or being given people meds by the owner
2. ingesting chemicals, cleaning products and the like around your home
3. eating plants that are poisonous
4. people food that can poison your dog

The number one medical claim for pet poisonings in 2007, according to one pet insurance company survey, did not result from antifreeze ingestion or a chewing on a household plant. By far **the number one poisoning type was classified as "drug reactions" to human medications** (3,455 claims).

Either the dog got into people medication, or the owner gave their pet drugs intended for human use, such as over-the-counter pain relievers like Tylenol or Advil.



Common sense ways to minimize the risk

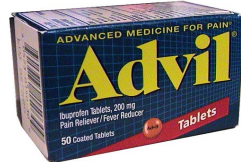
1. Ensure your medications are 100% out of reach for your Morkie. That means 'child proof' fastenings for bathroom cupboards, putting pill bottles away and out of site, and if you ever drop one of your pills - pick it up right away!
2. Never give your Morkie people medication - unless of course, your Vet has recommended a particular product.

Dogs and Pain Pills

NSAIDS	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	NSAIDs are commonly prescribed to humans for controlling inflammation, pain, fever, headaches or sports injuries.
Advil, Aleve and Motrin	contain ibuprofen	Advil, Aleve, Motrin and Tylenol and their no-name equivalents, are very toxic and likely fatal for your Morkie!
Tylenol	contains acetaminophen	
Aspirin	contains acetylsalicylic acid or ASA	buffered aspirin is sometimes used for short term pain treatment for dogs at a Vet's recommendation only!

Your Vet may recommend buffered or enteric-coated aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) as reasonably safe for a short time -- in the recommended dosage for dogs.

**NEVER GIVE THESE
TO A MORKIE!**



Aleve, Advil, Tylenol and Motrin can kill your Morkie



No-name or generic versions are just as deadly. **CHILDREN'S VERSIONS are as toxic and fatal as adults.**

Common side effects for dogs who've ingested NSAIDs

- extreme vomiting and diarrhea
- loss of appetite
- depression and lethargy

Even without symptoms, your Morkie can die from these drugs.

Your Vet may prescribe NSAIDs specially designed for dogs; canine NSAID drugs such as Rimadyl, Deramaxx®, and Previcox. However even these have this warning on the label:

All dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory tests to establish baseline blood values prior to, and periodically during, the use of any NSAID are strongly recommended.