

## Other Common Toxins

If you suspect that your pet has consumed any of the following toxins, please contact your vet as soon as possible.



**Rat/mouse bait** – these products vary in their toxicity but broadly speaking they can cause severe problems with blood clotting and therefore internal haemorrhage. If there is any chance that your pet could have consumed these, take it to your vet straight away!



**Slug Bait (Metaldehyde)** – these are usually blue-green pellets but liquid preparations are also available. This causes prolonged seizing which, if not rapidly controlled, is often fatal. Treatment is advised if any quantity is swallowed.



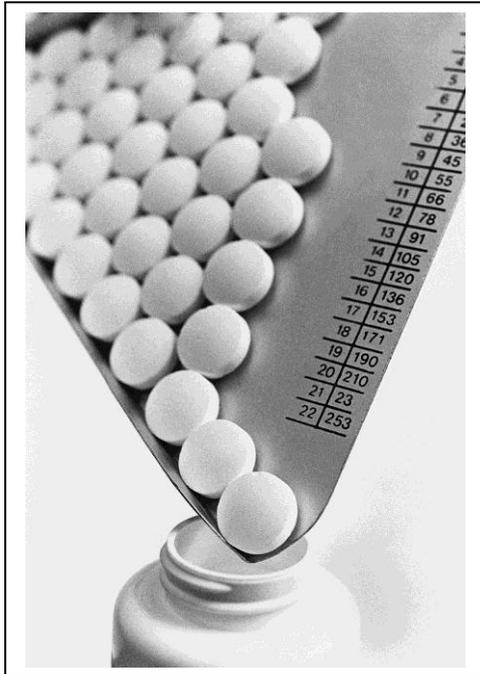
**Ethylene glycol (Antifreeze)** – Reportedly the lethal dose in cats is 1.5ml/kg bodyweight. The lethal dose is reportedly slightly higher in dogs. Signs include vomiting, wobbliness, increased heart rate and convulsions. If swallowing this is suspected your pet must see a vet as soon as possible!

**Petroleum distillates (e.g. White spirit/Kerosene)** – this is an irritant to the skin and mucous membranes (e.g. gums, eyes etc).

If swallowed, these can cause salivation, vomiting, ulceration of the mouth and throat, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. Onset of signs is usually within 1-8 hours. See a vet as soon as possible if your pet consumes this!



**Permethrin spot on flea treatment** – this preparation can be bought over the counter for dogs but is highly toxic to cats. Toxicity can even result if your cat comes into contact with a treated dog or with an area contaminated by a treated dog. Signs usually develop rapidly but can be delayed up to 72 hours in some cases. Signs include tremors, twitching and seizures. Fatalities can occur and therefore if this is suspected take your cat to the vet straight away!



**Paracetamol** – doses of 50-100mg/kg body weight may cause signs of toxicity, but treatment is recommended if anything greater than 20mg/kg has been consumed. If there is any concern about possible ingestion see a vet as soon as possible! Signs are usually within 1-12 hours of ingestion. Signs include lethargy, vomiting, inappetance, pale gums and possibly diarrhoea.

**Ibuprofen** – dogs are particularly prone to toxicity from this but other pets may also be affected. It usually causes stomach ulcers and gut irritation. At high doses it can also cause kidney failure. Signs include vomiting and diarrhoea (possibly passing blood), inappetance and weakness. Seeing your vet as soon as possible is a must!



**Batteries** – if bitten into these can cause irritation to the mouth and gut. There may be vomiting, salivation, bloody or tarry faeces and abdominal pain. There is also the risk that the battery could become wedged in the gut and cause a blockage. If you are concerned contact your vet as soon as possible!



**Fertilizers** – these vary in toxicity but the most common signs are vomiting, diarrhoea, salivation, increase thirst, lethargy and abdominal pain. Treatment is recommended as soon as possible.

**Silica Gel** – desiccant sachets found in packaging – this is actually not toxic even though the packet may read 'do not eat'. However if you are concerned about your pet, contact your vet.