



Bulldog Club Of Central Canada



Keeping your bulldog safe.

Common Household Poisons... And how to make a Emergency Preparedness Kit

This flyer only acts as a guide to inform you about some of the dangers present in your home. It is to increase your awareness of potential problems in your own home or back yard. It is not intended to, nor can it have all the answers.

Bulldog are inquisitive, as they adjust to their environment they will use all five senses. Tasting can lead to poisoning, but so can inhaling and touching. Poisonous foods, houseplants, and insects can propose serious threats to your bulldog.

Make an Emergency First Aid Kit and keep it hand. Have emergency phone numbers, and antidotes readily available. Be preparedness and aware.

Things to be aware of around the House and Yard

Bulldog are like small children, everything goes in the mouth! You need to bulldog proof your home, same as you would child-proof. The list of items below are of real concern and spills should be quickly cleaned.

Keep these items out of reach and in their original, labeled containers:

- Slug bait, rat/mouse, ant or roach poisons
- Antifreeze, oil or other car products
- Fertilizers & pesticides
- All medicines (dogs often chew pill containers and cream tubes)
- Cleaning products (powders and liquids)
- Bleach and detergents
- Button Batteries (for watches)
- Zinc (zinc oxide preparations like some diaper preparations, galvanized nails, and staples, calamine lotion, suppositories, shampoos, sunblocks, and some paints

- Moth balls
- Mulch (cocoa bean shells)
- Rust removers

Common Plants

Many plants, both indoors and out are *poisonous* to your bulldog. The list would vary from province to province. Please take the time to research plants in your area.

Keep Important Numbers Handy

Veterinarian: _____

Emergency Vet Clinic: _____

Poison Centre: _____

You may contact the nearest Poison Centre with the phone number provided on the first page of your local phone book or by dialing 9-1-1.

Foods to be Avoided

No list can be complete. Below is a list of common items that you may be tempted to share with your Bulldog and should not, due to known levels of toxicity. The list is not intended to be inclusive. Not everything you eat is safe for your bulldog.

- Chocolate
- Raisins
- Turkey skin
- Raw Salmon
- Artificial sweeteners (Xylitol)
- Alcohol
- Caffeine
- Fruit seeds (apples peach, apricot)
- Garlic
- Onions & onion powder
- Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy foods
- Wild and yard mushrooms
- Mustard seeds
- Nutmeg
- Tobacco
- Pits from apricots, cherries or peaches
- Plums, raisins & grapes
- Potato leaves, stems (green parts)
- Rhubarb leaves
- Tomato leaves, stem (green parts)
- Walnuts
- Yeast dough
- Persimmons

Poisoning Symptoms

Depending on the type of poisoning the symptoms can vary. Know your dog! Anything out of the ordinary is cause for further examination. One, two, or several of these symptoms of poisoning may present:

- Signs of pain
- Tremors, staggering, convulsions, collapse
- Swollen or painful abdomen
- Bleeding from nose or mouth
- Difficulty breathing
- Rapid heartbeat
- Dilated pupils
- Inability to urinate or move bowels
- Bloody or painful urination or defecation, vomiting or diarrhea with blood
- Unusual behavior or posture

First Aid for Poisons

This first aid information does not take the place of expert advice. Always call a Poison Center in your area, or your Veterinarian if you suspect poisoning.

Inhaled Poison

Get to fresh air right away and avoid fumes. Open doors and windows wide.

Poison on the Skin

Rinse skin and fur with running water. Wash off with soap and water.

Poison in the Eye

Run lukewarm tap water over eye for 10 min. Do not force the eyelid open.

Swallowed Poison

DO NOT MAKE THE ANIMAL VOMIT, DRINK OR EAT unless told to by a poison expert. Be Prepared. Keep a new bottle of hydrogen peroxide (will help make an animal vomit) at home, but **ALWAYS** call a Poison Center before using.

First Aid Kit *(make your's today!)*

Ask your vet to help you plan a first aid kit and medication ideas. Discuss with your veterinarian how they would like you to handle emergencies such as: hyperthermia, allergic reactions, lacerations, fractures, diarrhea/vomiting and poisoning before you get your dog to them or the closest vet.

- Latex gloves & hand wipes
- Syringe or squirt bottle (to give fluids)
- Penlight or flashlight
- Rectal thermometer & KY jelly
- Instant hot and cold packs
- Blunt tipped scissors or razor (cut hair)
- Betadine solution
- 2" roll Medi-Rip / Vet Wrap
- 2" roll gauze / Stretch bandage
- 1" adhesive tape
- Sterile gauze pads & bandages
- Splints and tongue depressors
- Alcohol swabs
- Antiseptic lotion, powder, or spray
- Cotton swabs & cotton balls
- Rubber bulb syringe (eyes, ears, injuries)
- Hemostat/Forceps and/or tweezers
- Styptic liquid or powder (toenail bleeding)
- Antibiotic ointment (wounds)
- Hydrocortisone cream (rashes, itching)
- Benadryl (2-4mg/kg)