

PET SAFETY CHECKLIST

Wag'N wants to help you answer 'YES' to these preparedness questions and more.

- YES NO
- Do you have a Wag'N Pet First Aid Kit®?
 - Do you know the skills of Pet First Aid?
 - Do you have an all-season, all-hazards evacuation and shelter in place plan that involves your pet(s)?
 - Do you have the number to the local poison control center? ASPCA NATIONAL HOTLINE 1-888-426-4435 (There is a \$65 charge per call)
 - Do you know which shelters you can take your pets to if your city or region is evacuated?
 - Do you carry a Wag'N Pet Passport® for each pet and carry it everywhere you go - keeping immunization records and ownership information handy?
 - Do you have Wag'N Home Alert Stickers displayed at your residence's entrances - letting first responders know you have pet(s) inside?
 - Do you know if your local fire department has pet oxygen masks? (Wag'N O2 Fur Life® can help you save pet lives in your community.)

Start preparing TODAY!

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Wag'N Offers Pet Parents and First Responders The Necessary Gear, Supplies and Training To Effectively Mitigate, Prepare, and Respond To Emergencies That Impact Pet Health and Safety.

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Fall is upon us. It is time to change the antifreeze, wage war on field mice in search of warm quarters, stock up on Halloween candy, and plan the Thanksgiving menu. Pet owners would be well advised to not assign any of these chores to their pets.

COMPOST

As much as you love your decaying organic matter, be aware that compost piles have may contain 'tremorgenic mycotoxins', meaning molds which cause tremors. Even small amounts ingested can result in tremors or seizures within 30 minutes to several hours. And we know how much dogs like to sift through garbage ...

RED MAPLE LEAVES

Sure, they make great photographs but horse lovers, beware. As little as one pound of dried maple leaves blowing into your horse's pasture can be toxic. If your horse eats these leaves, it can result in severe hemolytic anemia (rupture of red blood cells), causing weakness, pale gums, an elevated heart rate and shock. Just stick to hay, oats and grass.

ALLERGIES

One of the most common conditions affecting dogs are allergies. In the allergic state, the dog's immune system overreacts to foreign substances (allergens or antigens) to which he is exposed. These overreactions are manifested in three ways. The most common is itching of the skin, either localized (one area) or generalized (all over the dog). Another manifestation involves the respiratory system and may result in coughing, sneezing, and/or wheezing. Sometimes, there may be an associated nasal or ocular (eye) discharge. The third manifestation involves the digestive system, resulting in vomiting or diarrhea.

MUSHROOMS

Fall is mushroom season, which means you've probably noticed an array of fungi popping up in your backyard. While 99 percent of mushrooms are not toxic, 1 percent are ... and those 1 percent are very difficult to distinguish from the non-toxic varieties. Please visit the US Food and Drug Administration website (<http://www.fda.gov>) for a list of poisonous mushrooms.

SNAKES

Snakes prepare to hibernate in the fall and as the ASPCA says, this means they may be particularly "grumpy" -- and a grumpy snake is never a good thing!

The risk of severe snakebites increases in the fall, so be sure you are aware of what types of venomous snakes live in your area ... and where they like to hide out. Then keep your dog or cat away from those areas.

Please visit the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website (<http://www.dcd.gov>) for a list of venomous snakes.

ASSESS HOW MUCH YOU'RE FEEDING YOUR DOG

Pets may need to be given more food in cooler months in order to generate body heat. This is especially true if your pet lives outdoors or exercises heavily outside. And as always, the higher quality food you feed, the better off your pet will be.

KEEP SCHOOL SUPPLIES TUCKED AWAY

Crayons, glue sticks, pencils and magic markers can have a way of multiplying around the house once kids get involved with homework and other school projects. While most school supplies are not extremely toxic unless large amounts are consumed, they can cause gastrointestinal blockages and upset if your pet eats them.

So, just as you would if you had a toddler crawling around the floor, be sure to keep school supplies safely stowed away and out of your pet's reach.

Halloween Hazards

FOODS SWEETENED WITH XYLITOL, SWEETS AND CANDY

Candy, gum or other sweets containing large amounts of the sweetener xylitol can produce a sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, lack of coordination and even seizures. Candy wrappers can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to an intestinal blockage.

CHOCOLATE

Chocolate contains theobromine. A naturally occurring stimulant found in the cocoa bean, theobromine increases urination and affects the central nervous system as well as heart muscle. Remember that not all chocolate is the same. From least to most harmful chocolate: White, Hot, Milk, Semi and Baked.



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