

HANDY DANDY DOGGIE INFO

Tape this sheet to the inside of a cabinet or put it in your dog's health file

EMERGENCIES:

My Vet's Number:

My Kennel's Number:

My Dog Trainer's Number: ACA, Julie – 382-5937

National Animal Poison Control Center: 888-426-4435

COMMON ITEMS THAT ARE POISONOUS TO DOGS:

Food items: chocolate, onions, garlic, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, mushrooms and anything with caffeine. Cleaning products: bleach, ammonia, toilet cleaners, drain cleaners, oven cleaners and rat poisons can all be deadly. Houseplants: Philodendron, lilies, dieffenbachia, azalea, eucalyptus, elephant ear, spider plants and pyracantha are all poisonous. During the holidays, keep poinsettia, mistletoe and Christmas tree tinsel away from your pets. Personal care items: sleeping pills, antihistamines, aspirin, acetaminophen and all sorts of creams and lotions can be lethal to a small puppy.

There are dangers outside the house also. You probably know that antifreeze is *very* dangerous to your pets. There are now safe antifreezes on the market. Be aware that common lawn products are also quite dangerous. Keep your dog out of any areas that have recently (within 3 or 4 days) been fertilized or treated for weeds. Remember that animals are much closer to the ground and can come into contact with all sorts of chemicals on your lawn.

HELPFUL CANINE HEALTH GUIDES:

"Pet First Aid" The Humane Society of the United States, 1-800-692-4272

"Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats" Rodale Press

These books can be purchased from www.dogwise.com.

DEODORIZING SKUNK SMELL:

This mixture works as well, if not better, than commercial products.

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide

¼ cup baking soda

2 tablespoons dishwashing soap

Mix the ingredients together in the bath tub, be sure that the drain is closed. The mixture will foam wildly. Put your dog in the tub and saturate his coat with the mixture. Rinse thoroughly and repeat if necessary.

Tomato juice is another effective deodorizer.

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