

## FACT SHEET

# DANGEROUS FOODS AND HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS!

Cats are very curious by nature. Their curiosity can get them into trouble when they get into areas where you store household items such as medicine and detergents. Many common household items that you use everyday can be harmful, and sometimes even lethal, to your cat.

### HARMFUL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Antifreeze and other car fluids  
Bleach and cleaning fluids  
Boric acid  
Deodorants  
Deodorizers  
Detergents  
De-icing salts  
Disinfectants  
Drain cleaner  
Furniture polish  
Gasoline  
Hair coloring  
Weed killers  
Insecticides  
Matches  
Mothballs  
Nail polish and remover  
Paint  
Rat poison  
Rubbing alcohol  
Shoe polish  
Snail or slug bait  
Turpentine  
Windshield-wiper fluid



### FOODS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO YOUR CAT:

May cause vomiting, abdominal pain and/or diarrhea:

Wild cherry      Almond      Apricot  
Balsam Pear      Japanese Plum

May cause varied reactions:

Yeast dough      Coffee grounds      Grapes  
Macadamia nuts      Avocados      Raisins  
Rhubarb      Spinach      Alcohol  
Onion and onion powder      Chocolate  
Tomato and potato leaves and stems  
Pear and peach kernels      Rhubarb  
Mushrooms (if also toxic to humans)



### HARMFUL MEDICATIONS:

Many human medications can be toxic, especially Tylenol and NSAIDS like aspirin and ibuprofen.

### FLEA/TICK PRODUCTS

Many flea/tick products for dogs are actually toxic to cats. Make sure your cats do not come in contact with them.

### PLANTS

Many common household plants can be toxic to cats. Lilies are a common problem but you can check the ASPCA website for a full list of toxic plants.

[www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants)

Symptoms of possibly poisoning are: vomiting, diarrhea, difficult breathing, abnormal urine (color, aroma or odor, frequency, etc.), salivation, weakness. **If your cat should ingest harmful chemicals, contact a veterinarian or poison control center immediately.**

