



Our goal at Avery Creek Pet Hospital is to provide the highest quality of medical care for our clients and patients by listening to their needs, and by giving exceptional client services in a professional and compassionate manner. We will nurture the bond between humans and animals by teaching our clients how to better care for their pets, thus enabling them to live longer, healthier lives

Fatal Attraction: Antifreeze is a Sweet But Deadly Poison for Pets



Ethylene glycol is the main ingredient in most major brands of antifreeze. It's appealing smell and sweet flavor often tempt animals to drink the highly poisonous substance. It only takes a few tablespoons of antifreeze to seriously jeopardize your pet's life.

To lower the risk of harming your pet, you can switch to a brand of antifreeze containing propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol. It is a less toxic chemical that has a bitter taste that makes it less attractive to curious animals. Although it is safer, propylene glycol is still toxic.

For pets exposed to antifreeze, the first few hours are critical. Pets who receive immediate veterinary care can recover successfully, but the longer they go untreated, the less likely they are to survive. Recognizing the symptoms is very important. Antifreeze poisoning happens in 2 phases. In the first phase, your pet will typically appear lethargic, disoriented, uncoordinated and groggy.

These symptoms normally appear 30 mins to an hour after ingestion and can last several hours. The second phase, which can last up to 3 days, typically consists of symptoms of vomiting, oral and gastric ulcers, kidney failure, coma and death.

Thousands of pets have suffered from this preventable fate. Several states have passed a law requiring that a bittering agent be added to ethylene glycol antifreeze making it less appealing. Unfortunately North Carolina is not one of these states. Until a federal antifreeze bittering law is passed, it's up to us, reasonable pet owners to keep our loved ones safe.



Prevent Antifreeze poisoning in pets

1. Switch to a brand of antifreeze that contains propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol.
2. Keep antifreeze sealed and away from animals: clean up any spills completely and fix any leaks immediately.
3. Don't allow your pets to wander unattended near driveways, roads, garages or other places where he/she could come into contact with antifreeze.
4. Keep other products containing ethylene glycol - Like paint, cosmetics, snow globes as well as any products for which you are uncertain of the ingredients - out of reach of animals.
5. Monitor your pet for strange behavior. If you think he/she may have ingested antifreeze, please bring him/her in immediately.

Did you know?

The world's smartest dogs are thought to be the (1) border collie, (2) poodle and (3) golden retriever.

Dogs have twice as many muscles for moving ears than humans have.

Cats get their sense of security from your voice. Talk to your cats! Be mindful of your tone of voice. Cats know when you are yelling at them (though they may not care.)

The richest cat in the Guinness book of world records is a pair of cats who inherited \$415,000 in the early 60's. The richest single cat is a white alley cat that inherited \$250,000. (now that will buy a lot of cat-nip!)



Guinness and Sassy Klug



Holiday Safety Reminders

- Ribbon and tinsel— can cause choking and can get caught in the GI tract resulting in surgery.
- Electrical cords—can cause severe burns to the tongue which can cause pets' lungs to fill with fluid. This is also an emergency which requires immediate veterinary care.
- Chocolate—clinical signs of chocolate toxicity include hyperexcitability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea and in severe cases even death.
- Poinsettia—is irritating to the mouth and stomach of dogs and cats.
- Mistletoe—there are several different types of mistletoe. Clinical signs can range anywhere from stomach upset to liver failure.
- Food—fatty foods can cause the pancreas to become inflamed and overloaded. This condition is serious and may require hospitalization.
- Bones—can cause GI blockages. Round ham bones can get stuck on lower jaw and can only be removed by cutting the ham bone off.

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TO

Dear ACPH Family,

This has been a summer of great change for me. I am newly remarried with two more children in the house (4 total!). After much consideration, it is with heavy heart that I have decided to take a technician position closer to my home in Black Mountain. The closer location and new schedule will allow me much more time with my family.

I have loved taking care of my four-legged friends and their human families at ACPH for it's 7 years—and some even longer from the Biltmore Veterinary days!! We have been through many joys and sorrows together. Thank you for all the smiles and tears! It has been a joy and a privilege to be a part of your families and I will miss you very much!

With love and a fond heart,
Janet Pepin Schallhorn, RVT

Holiday Hours

Our hospital will be closed the following dates and times for our staff to spend time with their families during the holidays.

Thanksgiving
Wednesday Nov 25th
Thursday Nov 26th

Christmas
Thursday Dec 24th at 12pm
Friday Dec 25th

New Years
Thursday Dec 31st at 3pm
Friday January 1st

In Loving Memory

Lexus Langston
Misha Coppel
Emmy Dearman
Tuppence Crow
Bailey Webb
Chirp Nichols
Samson Pippin
Kenya Kiewiet
Magic Strelauski
Mazzy Elliott
Winnie Burrell
Lily Parkinson

November Fisher
Bristol Hare
Suzie Truan
Mimi Huie
Garfield Clark
Wizard Lytle
Solo Middleton
Cricket Warren
Theodore Clark
Bristol Hare
Odin Tolley
Max Lytle

Hopper Fulton
Screamer Rosenfield
Chelsea Brown
Ginger Nichols
McDuff Thompson
Clementine Laverty
Milo Fuller
Emma Chipley
Bobby Sue Bond
Kobe Tweddle
Big Red Browning

Alexander Taylor
Spice Caldwell
Liah Smith
Max Langston
Kitty Robinson
Sweetie Pie Drake
Dutch Lindsey
Buckshot Pendell
Kona Hruska
Pumpkin Kessler
Bumper Arthur

