

First Aid Kit

- Latex gloves & hand wipes
- Unopened bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting—call Poison Center first)
- Beef or chicken broth (Tasty fluids)
- Syringe or squirt bottle (to give fluids)
- Penlight or flashlight
- Rectal thermometer & lubricating jelly
- A pillowcase (to confine if necessary; any frightened dog will struggle)
- Instant hot and cold packs
- Blunt tipped scissors or razor (cut hair)
- Nonstick & water proof adhesive tape
- Sterile gauze pads & bandages
- Splints and tongue depressors
- Stockinet or Vet wrap
- Alcohol swabs
- Antiseptic lotion, powder, or spray
- Grease-cutting dish soap (wash fur, injuries)
- Cotton swabs & cotton balls
- Rubber bulb syringe (eyes, ears, injuries)
- Forceps and/or tweezers
- Styptic liquid or powder (toenail bleeding)
- Antibiotic ointment (wounds)
- Hydrocortisone cream (rashes, itching)
- Benadryl (stings and insect bite...follow Veterinary instructions)

Veterinary Care:

Poison Center: _____

Veterinarian _____

ER Vet Clinic _____

Rabies vaccination date _____

Summary

This purpose of this pamphlet is to stimulate further research. It is not intended to, nor can it have all the answers. It is to increase your awareness of potential problems in your own home or back yard.

Dogs are inquisitive creatures, and bulldogs are no exception. As your bulldog goes through his/her environment he/she will use all five senses. Tasting can lead to poisoning, but so can inhaling and touching. From poisonous foods, to houseplants; (and in some parts of the country) contact with certain toads, salamanders, spiders, snakes and insects, can propose serious threats to our bulldogs.

The answer is preparedness. Research your area and the possible poisons within it. Have emergency phone numbers, and antidotes readily available. Time is of the essence.



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PROTECTING Your Bulldog

Common Household Poisons , and Emergency Preparedness



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House and Yard

Most dangers for a bulldog are like those for a small child. The following items 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
- Moth balls
- Gorilla glue (this product can expand to many times it's original volume. If ingested in it's liquid form by licking up a spill, a towel or licking an item being glued it can form a hard "foam like foreign body, generally in the stomach. An obstruction of the digestive tract can then occur.)
- Button Batteries (for watches)
- Plants known to be toxic.
- Zinc (zinc oxide preparations like some diaper preparations, galvanized nails, and staples, calamine lotion, suppositories, shampoos, sunblocks, and some paints.
- Rust removers
- Xylitol (non sugar sweetener)

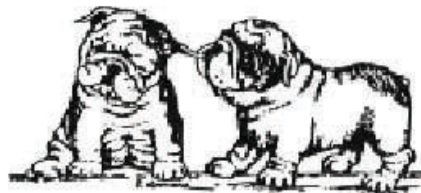
Common Plants

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

Foods to be Avoided

No list can be complete, given the limited amount of space in an educational pamphlet. 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. In a nut shell...not everything ***you*** eat is safe for your bulldog.

- Alcohol
- Chocolate
- 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.