Small Pet Safety: Common Household Hazards

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The following items are all dangerous to some degree if ingested, nibbled, or placed in contact with your pet. Some can cause death almost instantly. Others may cause only a mild reaction, but it is best to remove them from any areas where they would be in contact with your small pet.

This is not a complete list, so if you are in any doubt about something that your pet has eaten or been in contact with, please contact your veterinarian or the National Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435. (They charge \$65.00 per case.)

Common hazards to avoid:

Disinfectants

Acetaminophen	Floor polish	Plants
Acetone	Furniture polish	Poisons
Alcohol	Gasoline	Polish remover
Ammonia	Gun cleaner	Raw meat
Antifreeze	Gun powder	Rodent poison
Aspirin	Hair dyes	Rubbing alcohol
Bleach	Herbicides	Shaving cream
Boric acid	Hexachlorophene	Shaving lotion
Brass cleaner	Insecticides	Shoe polish
Caffeine	Iodine	Silver polish
Camphophenique	Kerosene	Sleeping pills
Carbon monoxide	Laxatives	Snail bait
Charcoal lighter fluid	Lead	Soaps
Chlorine	Lighter fluid	Solvents
Chocolate	Lye	Spot remover
Christmas tinsel	Matches	Spray starch
Coffee	Medicines	Sulfuric acid
Cola	Mineral spirits	Suntan lotions
Copper cleaner	Model glue	Super Glue
Corn removers	Mothballs	Tar
Crayons	Muriatic acid	Toilet bowl cleaner
Deodorants	Nail polish	Turkey bones
Deodorizers	Oven cleaner	Turpentine
Detergents	Paint	Wart remover

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Wax

Paint remover

Drain cleaner Dry-cleaning fluid Easter-basket grass Fabric dye Fabric softener Flea/tick products Paint thinner Perfume Perm solutions Pesticides Photo solution Pine oil Weed killer Window cleaner Wood preservative Wood stain