








Healthy Pet Tips

Pet hazards in the home: some hidden hazards may surprise you.

If you knew how dangerous the average home could be for a pet, you might consider taking steps to pet proof your house. Many dangers in the home go unnoticed until it's too late. To help protect your pet against possible accidents, Veterinary Pet Insurance recommends these safeguards against the greatest household threats, according to their claims data:

-  **Electric shock:** Chewing on electrical cords, especially during the holidays when extension cords are used for decorations. It is best to hide these cords so they are not so accessible.
-  **Lacerations and Bruising:** Injuries from jumping off beds (for small dogs) and fighting with other animals are all too common.
-  **Food and Poison:** Cats and dogs may ingest a variety of toxic items, including insecticides, human medications, chocolate and pieces of dog toys and bones that may splinter.
-  **Swimming Pools:** Teach your dog where the steps are so they won't panic and drown should they fall or jump in.
-  **Kitchens:** Hazards in the kitchen include things commonly found in the trash can, such as coffee grinds, old batteries and cigarette butts. Other hazardous items in the bathroom or linen closets include dietary supplements, nicotine gum, mothballs, soap and chemical cleaning agents.



Most importantly, remember to insure your pet. No matter how much you prepare, accidents are bound to happen.

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