



Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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Keep Antifreeze Away From Pets

There are lots of potential health problems lurking around the house to lure furry friends into trouble. One of the more dangerous poisons that cats and dogs can get into is antifreeze for the car. Unfortunately, antifreeze has an odor that is appealing to cats and dogs. It only takes two tablespoons of the chemical to kill a dog and only one half of a tablespoon to kill a cat.

Symptoms of antifreeze poisoning include depression, vomiting, stumbling, increased water drinking, panting, decreased motor function, and paralysis. Antifreeze is deadly, so it's vital to get help immediately. The prognosis is dependent on how much antifreeze the animal drank, and treatment is extensive.

Families can help save their own pet from an encounter with antifreeze by closely watching the animal in areas where antifreeze may be accessible, such as roads, driveways, or garages. Unfortunately, our beloved pets can't tell us what's wrong with them, and it's up to us to provide the care they need. For questions or help, come see us at 1055 Grass Valley Hwy. You can call 530-885-1919 today for more information or to schedule an appointment for superior veterinary care. Consider joining our family.

P.S. Keep antifreeze tightly sealed and stored in a cabinet to which pets have no access. Don't allow pets to drink puddle water that might contain antifreeze.

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