

PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Keep this list handy for future reference to make your home a safe zone.



| PET THREAT | WHO IT HURTS | WHY | STAY SAFE |
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| <p>Toxic Flowers and Plants</p> | Cats and Dogs | Lilies, daffodils, holly and some greenery contain toxins that can be harmful to certain species if ingested. | Visit aspca.org for a listing of safe and unsafe flowers and plants for your home. |
| <p>Batteries</p> | Cats and Dogs | Larger batteries pose a choking hazard, while smaller ones can leak battery acid and perforate the intestine once swallowed. | Store batteries in a sealed container in a high cabinet. |
| <p>Pennies</p> | Cats and Dogs | The zinc can cause anemia if eaten. | Transfer loose change to a tightly closed container. |
| <p>Dryer Sheets</p> | Cats and Dogs (more commonly cats) | Pets can choke on dryer sheets, which may obstruct the bowel if ingested. | Dispose of used sheets in covered trash bins, and keep unused ones in their box out of easy reach. |
| <p>Floss and Thread</p> | Cats and Dogs (more commonly cats) | Both can cause linear and twisting bowel obstruction. | Throw away floss and threads in closed garbage bins. |
| <p>Empty Cans</p> | Cats and Small Dogs | When poking their heads in, pets can suffer cuts and bruises—or even get their heads stuck! | Wash cans and crush them completely before placing in a covered recycling bin. |

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