

Keeping Pets Safe Around Kids

Many items that are common around children can be dangerous to pets. Here are some of the top dangers to watch out for!

Sugar-free Gum and Candy

- Can contain xylitol, which causes low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs
- Xylitol is nontoxic to cats but can still cause stomach upset

Over-the-Counter and Prescription Medications

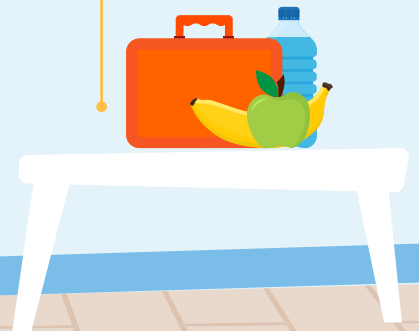
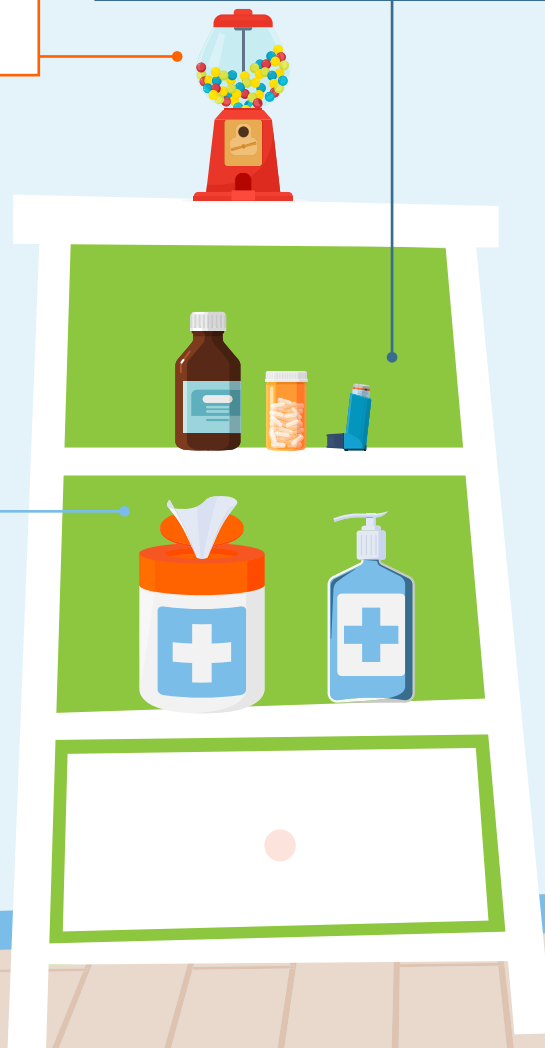
- OTC medications such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen can have serious effects
- Prescriptions such as ADHD medications and albuterol inhalers can cause life-threatening signs

Hand Sanitizer/Cleaning Supplies

- Most common symptoms are stomach upset but could also cause more serious signs such as drunkenness
- Antibacterial wipes can cause stomach upset and obstruction

Lunchboxes

- Can contain dangerous people foods such as grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts and chocolate
- Plastic wrappers, foil and packaging can cause blockages in the digestive tract
- Moldy food can potentially cause muscle tremors and seizures
- Cold packs are typically nontoxic but could still cause stomach upset



Art Supplies - Check Those Labels!

- If a product carries an AP seal, it is non-toxic but could still be a concern for an obstruction
- Products with a CL seal may present a toxic risk because they may contain heavy metals or other dangers, so it would be safest to consult with a veterinarian on how to proceed