

# Top 10 Toxins of 2015



## 1 OTC Items

With the increasing number of vitamins, herbal and joint supplements sold over the counter, there are lots more dangers for pet exposures.



## 3 Insecticides

The APCC commonly sees exposure to products used in the house, in the yard and on pets.



## 5 Household Items

Commonly used items in homes such as paint, fire logs and cleaning supplies can be very hazardous.



## 7 Chocolate

Calls about chocolate exposures were increased in 2015, with the APCC averaging one call about chocolate every 39 minutes.



## 9 Rodenticides

These are often grain-based and very appealing to pets. Bromethalin, a neurotoxin, is becoming much more common.



## 2 Human Prescriptions

These medications were barely edged out of their traditional No.1 spot on the APCC's list of top yearly toxin calls.



## 4 People Food

Human food and drink are often readily accessible—and very appealing—to pets. Xylitol and alcohol are common and serious exposures.



## 6 Veterinary Products

Many pet medications are in the form of chewable tablets—and that means pets may take the entire prescription at once if they have access.



## 8 Plants

Do the plants in your home and outside landscaping pose any danger to pets?



## 10 Garden Products

Pets often get into herbicides and fungicides that are left in the garage, shed or yard.

*This list is based on all calls received in 2015 by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.*