**When should you use Activated Charcoal?**

**IS THE PET STABLE?**
(Seizure, coma, depression, loss of gag reflex, or at risk for aspiration?)

- **Yes**
  - Will charcoal bind the toxin?
    - **Yes**
      - Are signs expected to be life-threatening?
        - **Yes**
          - Is the exposure recent or is there enterohepatic recirculation?
            - **Yes**
              - Check hydration & serum sodium.
                - **Normal**
                  - Give charcoal.
                - **Abnormal**
                  - Treat dehydration, lower sodium. Once completed, reconsider if charcoal should be given.
            - **No**
              - Treat clinical signs, consider treatment options, or antidote, if indicated.
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