

## **Toxin Ingestion**

**How Do I know if My Pet Needs Urgent Care?** In the event your pet might have ingested any human medicines, chocolate, raisins, antifreeze, rat poisoning, drug over dosing, etc.

**Toxic Material Information:** Don't forget to bring the toxic material container or packs with ingredient information.

**Call Us Immediately:** If time permits, call the hospital immediately for any instructions on first aid.

**Composure:** Stay calm and keep your pet calm as well.

**Medical Questions:** Be ready to answer some questions regarding the time and amount of ingestion. This information may help us optimize the diagnostic and treatment plan.

**Critical Care Monitoring at the Hospital:** Based on the condition of the pet, we may have to transfer the patient directly in the Treatment Area in the back of the hospital for critical care monitoring.

**Diagnostics:** Some diagnostic tests may have to be performed which may require a stool, blood, or urine sample. If possible, don't let your pet defecate or urinate before coming to the hospital.

**Poison Control Consult:** In some complicated cases we also have to get an expert opinion from a poison control specialist.

**Referral:** If the condition requires specialized or 24-hour intensive care, we may recommend transferring the patient to an overnight monitoring facility.