

## Household Poisons for Cats

Please keep me on your fridge

If poisoning occurs contact (during hours) : **9295 6777**

Murdoch Pet Emergency (after hours) : **1300 652 494**

Common household products that are toxic to your cat. (not limited to)

- Rodenticides - C
- Snail Bait - C
- Onions - B
- Garlic - B
- Chocolate -B
- Caffeine - B
- Grapes, Raisins & Sultanas - C
- Macadamia Nuts - A
- Plants – Sago Palms, tulips, oleandor hyacinths, poinsettias, azaleas, lillies and amaryllis - B
- Insecticides containing Organophosphate - C
- Household chemicals-bleach, liquid potpourri, toiletries and deodorants - C
- Antifreeze - C
- Lactose - A
- Cane Toads\* - C
- Heavy Metals – Copper and Lead - C
- Medications – ibuprofen, narproxen, Aspirin, Paracetamol - C
- Most Fruit pits - B
- Avocado - B
- Xylitol (sugar-free products contain this sweetener) - B

Category A	Category B	Category C
Does not pose a huge danger but contact us to be sure	Dangerous – contact us within 24hours	Very Dangerous – Contact us as quickly as possible

\*Not currently in Western Australia

## Tips to help prevent poisoning

- Avoid using rat bait at all. There is no such thing as 'non-toxic' rat bait. When rats are poisoned with baits they tend to go looking for water. So even though the bait may be in your roof, the rat can still wander outside where your cat can then eat the poisoned rat. Rats can even carry bits of bait outside as well which your cat can then find.
- Keep all medications out of reach from your cats. Never give your pet any medication without consulting your veterinarian first.
- Keep all food scraps away from cats
- Before planting any new plants in your backyard, check to see if they are toxic. Try and keep toxic plants out of your yard or fence off the offending plant.
- Keep all household chemicals out of your pets reach or opt for more natural cleaning products.
- Avoid using snail bait, opt for more natural ways to deter slugs and snails from your plants.
- Check with your neighbours the sorts of poisons they keep in their home, as poisoned rats dont realise that a fence means that they are in a different yard.

**If your pet does ingest a poison please keep the packaging and bring it with you to the vet.**