

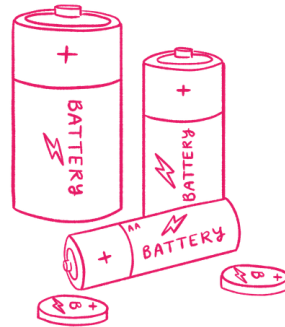
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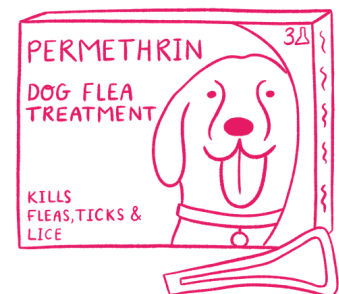
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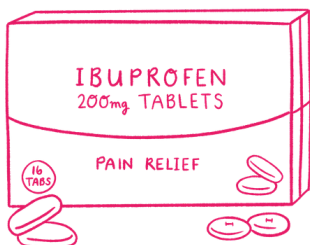
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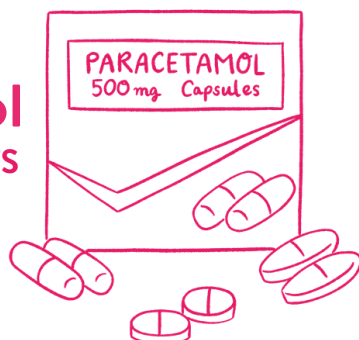
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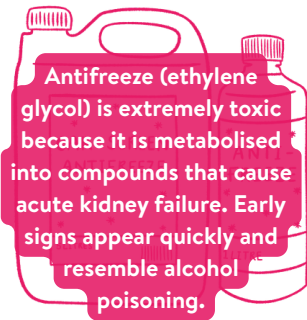


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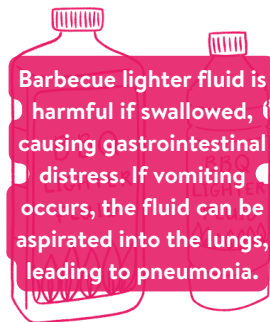
Tinsel can cause intestinal blockages, and glass ornaments can cause cuts and injuries.



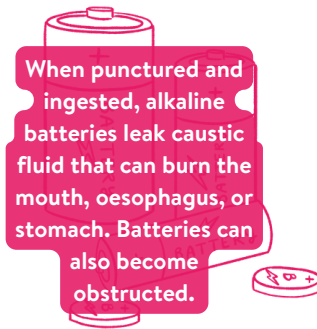
Antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is extremely toxic because it is metabolised into compounds that cause acute kidney failure. Early signs appear quickly and resemble alcohol poisoning.

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BBQ lighter fluid



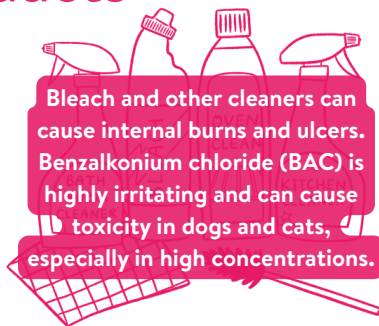
Barbecue lighter fluid is harmful if swallowed, causing gastrointestinal distress. If vomiting occurs, the fluid can be aspirated into the lungs, leading to pneumonia.



When punctured and ingested, alkaline batteries leak caustic fluid that can burn the mouth, oesophagus, or stomach. Batteries can also become obstructed.

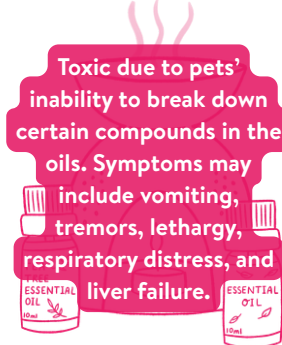
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Bleach and other cleaners can cause internal burns and ulcers. Benzalkonium chloride (BAC) is highly irritating and can cause toxicity in dogs and cats, especially in high concentrations.

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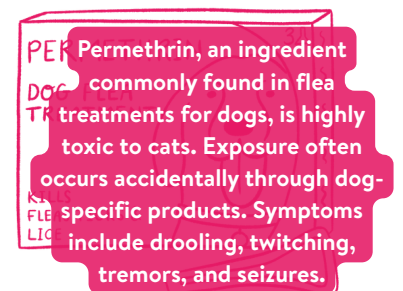
Toxic due to pets' inability to break down certain compounds in the oils. Symptoms may include vomiting, tremors, lethargy, respiratory distress, and liver failure.

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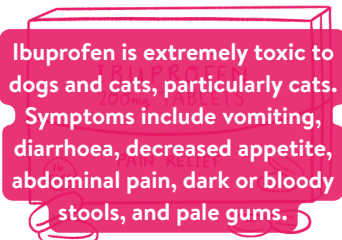
Gardening chemicals, such as weed killers, can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy, and skin irritation in pets.

Permethrin



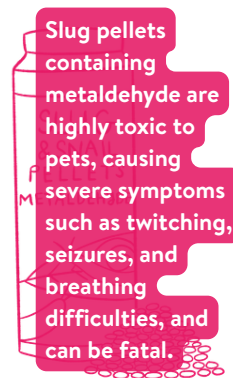
Permethrin, an ingredient commonly found in flea treatments for dogs, is highly toxic to cats. Exposure often occurs accidentally through dog-specific products. Symptoms include drooling, twitching, tremors, and seizures.

Ibuprofen



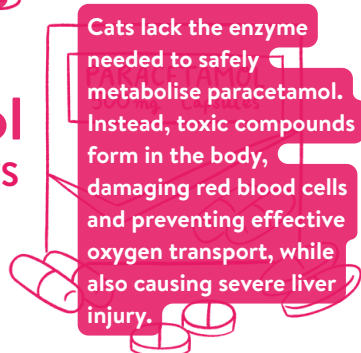
Ibuprofen is extremely toxic to dogs and cats, particularly cats. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea, decreased appetite, abdominal pain, dark or bloody stools, and pale gums.

Slug pellets



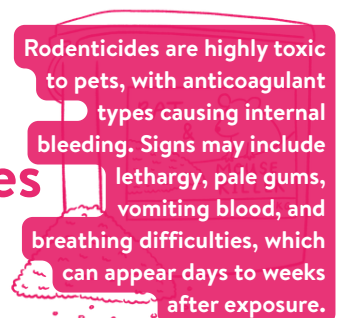
Slug pellets containing metaldehyde are highly toxic to pets, causing severe symptoms such as twitching, seizures, and breathing difficulties, and can be fatal.

Paracetamol FOR CATS



Cats lack the enzyme needed to safely metabolise paracetamol. Instead, toxic compounds form in the body, damaging red blood cells and preventing effective oxygen transport, while also causing severe liver injury.

Rodenticides



Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets, with anticoagulant types causing internal bleeding. Signs may include lethargy, pale gums, vomiting blood, and breathing difficulties, which can appear days to weeks after exposure.