

## **POISONING**

ALWAYS SAVE THE LABELS OF SUSPECTED POISONS. THIS INFO IS IMPORTANT TO VETS AND POISON CONTROL.

**INGESTION-** Common household plants, fertilizers, antifreeze, chocolate, rodent bait, human prescriptions, and other pets prescriptions are just some of the usual culprits. CALL VET, have the label in front of you and call POISON CONTROL if the vet doesn't have the answer. The poisonings are usually acute in onset and can present with vomiting, seizures and loss of consciousness. However, it may take days before your dog shows signs or symptoms of some poisonings (chocolate, rodent bait).

Do not automatically make your dog vomit. Some poisons are caustic and can cause severe damage on the way back up. Call your VET or poison control before initiating vomiting.

**ABSORPTION-** With all contact poisoning (except skunking) the goal is to wash off or dilute the poison. Rinse the dog with lots of water or bathe with mild shampoo or dishwashing soap. SKUNK spray is really not a poison but it is surely obnoxious. If your dog has been skunked DO NOT GIVE IT A BATH. BATHING SETS THE SMELL MAKING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET RID OF. Use Skunk Off (a commercial product) or try tomato juice, Massengill Douche, or the following recipe to help get rid of the skunk odor. De-skunking recipe: 1-quart hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda, and 1-teaspoon liquid soap.