



Keeping Your New Pet Safe

As a new puppy or dog “parent,” it is your dog to keep your pet safe. Beware of the following common dangers that may be lurking in your home, yard or neighborhood:

- Bones from human meals – steak bones, chicken bones, etc.
- Certain foods, including chocolate, onions, grapes or raisins
- Antifreeze
- De-icing salt that is not pet friendly
- Poisonous house and garden plants
- Cleaning products, household chemicals, pesticides or poisons
- Electrical cords
- Open windows/screened windows, especially on higher floors
- Extreme temperatures (including cars on hot days or long periods of time outdoors in cold weather)
- Mosquitoes (heartworm carriers)
- Fleas (can cause anemia, among other ailments)
- Other parasites (hookworms, whipworms, roundworms, tapeworms)
- Car accidents and/or escapes

Prevention is the easiest cure! In addition to “puppy-proofing” your home of as many dangers as possible, please:

- Know where your dog is at all times.
- Never leave your dog outside when you are not home or leave him unattended in your yard for long periods of time when you are home. Check on him regularly and frequently!
- Never let your dog off leash unless he is in a secure, fenced-in area.
- Make sure all family members, especially children, keep gates and doors shut. If you have a fence, please check that your gate is shut before letting your dog out in your yard.