

IVH Monthly News

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Fun and Facts

- Refer a friend to our hospital and receive a \$5 credit on your account
- The fastest insect is the dragon fly, which can fly at 36mph
- Koala bears have fingerprints very similar to humans
- The largest bear is the Kodiak, weighing over 1600lbs
- A group of Kangaroos is called a Mob
- Dolphins sleep with their eyes open

Birthdays

- Bridget: 15th



Is That Poisonous?

It's 10pm on a Saturday and you've just realized Fido has eaten an entire bar of chocolate. Instantly the panic sets in, do you take him to the Emergency Veterinarian all the way across town? Do you make him throw up? Do you call your Vet? How do you know if he's been poisoned? According to the ASPCA, below are the top 10 most common toxins that affected pets in 2009.



1. **Human Medication – Painkillers, ADD/ADHD meds, Sedatives**
2. **Insecticides – Raid, Terminex**
3. **People Food – Chocolate, Grapes, Raisins**
4. **Plants – Lily, Iris, Tulip**
5. **Veterinary Medications – Given improperly without following label**
6. **Rodenticides – Decon, Terminex**
7. **Household Cleaners – Any kind**
8. **Heavy Metals – Lead, Zinc, Mercury**
9. **Garden Products – Fertilizer, Weed killer**
10. **Chemical Hazards – Anti-freeze, Paint Thinner, Drain-o**

Although the internet should never replace consulting with your Veterinarian, it may help to inform you of which course of action to take.

For a Chocolate toxicity table go to: http://www.vspn.org/library/misc/vspn_m01325.htm

For a list of poisonous foods go to: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/foods_poisonous_to_pets.html

For a full list of poisonous plants go to: http://www.vin.com/Members/VSPN/Library/Misc/VSPN_M01947.htm

And for a 24- hour Pet Poison Hotline, call 1-800-213-6680. It does cost \$35 per phone call, but a little reassurance goes a long way. If you have any questions about any other pet poisons, give our Receptionists a call!