

Cats



Lilies are extremely poisonous to cats. Never allow your cat to touch or eat any part of the lily plant or flower. Seek immediate medical care if you think your cat has been exposed to lilies.



Tips to keep cats safe:

- ✓ Microchip me! If I get lost, it can help me find my way home.
- ✓ Keep me indoors, so I stay safe and don't harm wildlife
- ✓ Never declaw me. It is painful and I may never recover
- ✓ Keep my litter pan clean and water bowl fresh daily
- ✓ Tea tree oil can make me sick
- ✓ Don't let me near these poisonous plants: lilies, daffodils, tulips, poinsettia, mistletoe, lavender, hosta and many more

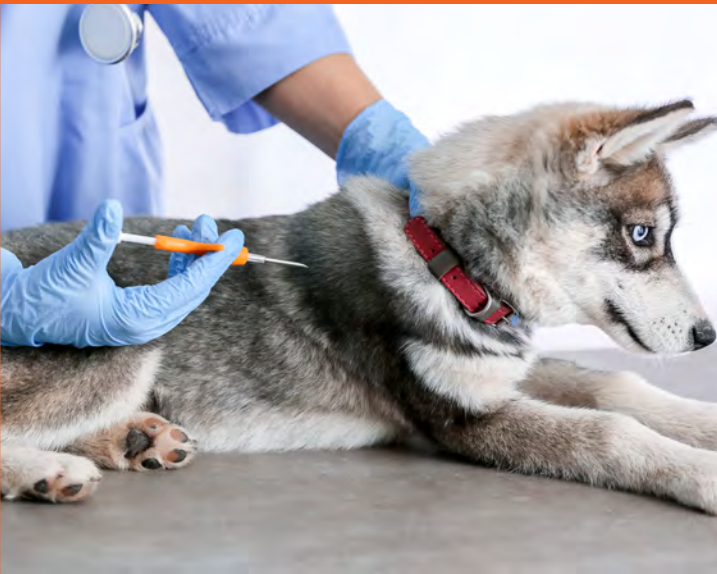
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Microchips



Microchips save lives and reunite families. They provide permanent identification that is easily readable by scanners at police stations, animal shelters, and veterinarian offices.



Did you know?

- ✓ Microchips are tiny implants about the size of a grain of rice that are placed under your pet's skin
- ✓ Microchips must be registered
- ✓ Microchipping is not painful. It takes seconds to administer a microchip.
- ✓ Microchips do not have GPS tracking capabilities



Lost Pet?

If your pet gets lost, acting quickly can be the most important thing you do. Search your neighborhood. Visit your local animal shelter. Post pictures on social media. Post flyers. Reach out to friends who can help you search.



Food Dangers

Foods we eat every day can be deadly to dogs. Onions, grapes, avocados, garlic, chocolate, macadamia nuts, coffee, alcohol and gum can cause severe medical problems in dogs.



Did you know?

- ✓ Only feed dogs chicken meat, never bones which cause choking
- ✓ If your dog accidentally eats something you know is bad, immediately call your vet
- ✓ Keep a 24-hour vet number close by
- ✓ Healthy foods that dogs may eat include: carrots, pumpkin, blueberries, and apples in moderation

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Pet First Aid Kit



Pet first aid kits prepare you for unexpected emergencies by having all the supplies in one location. Injuries happen with no notice, so being prepared is the key to keeping your pets safe. Make a first aid kit today!



✓ What to include in your kit:

- Digital thermometer
- Eye dropper
- Tweezers and tick removers
- Cotton balls and Q-tips
- Non-stick bandages and gauze
- Antibacterial cleaner and ointment
- Sterile saline eye solution
- First-aid book for pets
- Pet's prescription medications
- Medical records for all pets
- List of known allergies
- Emergency contact numbers for your vet, a 24-hour vet, poison control, and pet insurance company
- Leash
- Muzzle
- Cold pack
- Non-latex gloves
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Alcohol
- Styptic Powder
- Safety Razor
- Blunt scissors

Injured Wildlife



Do not intervene unless you are sure an animal is hurt. Keep them out of the reach of predators and immediately contact a wildlife expert listed with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources dwr.virginia.gov.



Helpful Tips:

- ✓ Seek expert advice before offering any assistance
- ✓ Never feed or provide water to injured wildlife
- ✓ Always wear gloves when handling wildlife
- ✓ Baby deer and rabbits are often left alone; don't kidnap!
- ✓ Never keep a wild animal as a pet. This is dangerous to you and can cause harm to the animal.

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Wild Birds

Window strikes are dangerous to wild birds. If a bird hits your window, place it in an enclosed box to keep it safe. Handle the bird as little as possible. Do not give it food or water. Contact a wildlife expert through the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources at dwr.virginia.gov.



Cardinal
Virginia's State Bird

About me:

- ✓ Native plants are my best food source
- ✓ If you have a bird feeder, keep it clean to keep me safe
- ✓ Cats kill millions of birds each year, so keep kitties indoors!
- ✓ Turn off outside lights or use motion sensors
- ✓ Window decals or screens help keep me safe



Birds of prey such as hawks, owls, and eagles are majestic and vital to our ecosystem. Here's how to keep these beautiful creatures safe:

- Never use poison to kill rodents
- Clean trash along roads to help avoid car collisions
- Wild birds die from ingesting lead shot, bullet fragment, or sinkers. Hunt and fish responsibly by choosing alternatives to lead.



OPOSSUM

This misunderstood marsupial deserves more respect than we give it. They adapt to living in suburban areas and help protect us by eliminating diseases from carcasses and food waste.



About me:

- ✓ I am the only marsupial in North America
- ✓ I eat 5,000 ticks per year, protecting us from Lyme Disease
- ✓ I "play possum" when I am scared
- ✓ Yes, I may eat trash, but I keep myself very clean
- ✓ It is rare that I carry rabies due to my low body temperature

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Turtles

It is illegal to keep a box turtle as a pet in Virginia.



Eastern Box Turtle

About me:

- ✓ I can live more than 50 years, if you leave me in my habitat. I spend my entire life within about a mile of where I was born.
- ✓ If I need help, only move me in the direction I am going.
- ✓ Don't paint or mark my shell. That can make me sick.
- ✓ Learn more about me from the Virginia Herpetological Society at virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com

If you find wildlife that is injured in Virginia, contact:

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR)

855.571.9003 dwr.virginia.gov/

Injured & Orphaned Wildlife

dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators/