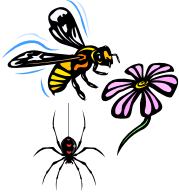




# Home & Garden Hazards

*Listed below are a few of the more common household-related dangers we see on an emergency basis. Should any of these affect your pet in the future, please seek veterinary care immediately. Your pet's life might just depend on it!*



**Insect Bites and Stings** peak during the warmer months. Your pet can be bitten or stung in a matter of seconds. Symptoms to watch for are: facial swelling, hives, vomiting, lethargy, bloody diarrhea, weakness, collapse, drooling, and abdominal pain excessive drooling or belly pain.

**Foxtails, Stickers and Burrs** can become embedded in your pet's skin causing pain, swelling, discomfort and infection. Foxtails can also migrate through the skin into other regions of the body where they may cause even greater damage.



Pets are attracted to and often ingest deadly household toxins. Drinking **Anti-freeze** leads to acute kidney failure. Eating **Anti-coagulant Rodenticides** (such as rat bait) can lead to serious internal bleeding. While **Metaldehyde** (snail bait) ingestion can result in severe muscle tremors, convulsions, and hyperthermia.

As the weather warms up in the San Joaquin Valley we must all take steps to prevent our pets (and ourselves) from developing life threatening **Heat Stroke**. Make sure shade and water are available at all times and *never* leave a pet in a vehicle! Heat stroke is highly preventable- so plan ahead and protect your pet!



Warm weather brings many animals out of hibernation, including **Rattlesnakes**. Rattlesnake bites are as poisonous and deadly to pets as they are to people.

The nicer the weather, the more interaction occurs between neighboring animals. As the old saying goes, "Good fences make good neighbors." Even the most friendly pet can fall victim to a **Dog fight** and become seriously injured. Keep pets on leashes when out of your yard to help prevent a tragedy.



Pets are curious by nature, and **Swimming Pools** can be an enticing distraction. It is best to have your swimming pool surrounded by a fence to prevent pets from accidentally falling in. However, teaching pets how to swim and find their way out of the pool (via the steps) is the best way to prevent a drowning.

**Fresno Pet Emergency & Referral Center**

**559-4FRESNO**

7375 N. Palm Bluffs Ave. ■ Fresno, CA 93711