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In Case of Emergency

Guidelines for Emergencies and Disasters

Top Tips to Prevent Malicious Poisoning of your Pet

Don't let your pet be the victim of a cruel act! The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) receives many calls from pet parent whose animals were maliciously poisoned—sometimes right in their own backyards. APCC has provided the following tips to prevent this from happening to your animal companions:

Be a good neighbor! Please don't allow your pets to have access to your neighbors' yards and trash cans. If your dog is an incessant barker and/or howls and whines while you are away, you may want to work with an animal behaviorist or dog trainer to solve the problem. Should your neighbors have concerns, try to address them in a positive, constructive manner to avoid serious conflicts.

Keep your pet safe and secure! Is your pet allowed outdoors in your fenced-in or otherwise secure area? It's smart to do routine checks of this enclosed area.

Keep your yard clean. Be sure to remove unfamiliar or questionable items from your yard or pet enclosure.

Supervision is key. Do not allow your pets to spend significant amounts of time unsupervised outdoors.

Two is better than one! Develop relationships with neighbors who

have pets. You can join forces to create a neighborhood watch for the companion animals in the area. Be alert for anything out of the ordinary!

Never let your pet run loose.

Animals who are allowed to roam simply have more opportunities to get into potentially poisonous substances.

Just say no. Teach your pet not to accept food or treats from strangers.

Speak up! Report any suspicious behavior to local authorities. Remember, animal cruelty is a crime!

Make the call! If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

