

Keep your pet safe from lead

Lead poisoning is a potentially serious condition that calls for veterinary attention.

Things to watch for:

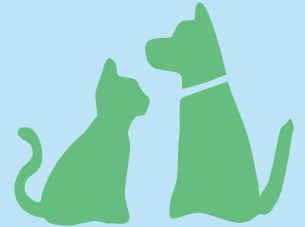


- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Behavioral changes
- Sleepiness/fatigue
- Poor appetite
- Weakness
- Extreme anxiety
- Diarrhea
- Blindness
- Belly/stomach ache
- Crying

These changes may develop over time. If animals display any of these signs, please seek veterinary care.

Causes:

Animals can come into contact with lead in a variety of ways:



- Drinking water
- Using improperly glazed ceramic food or water bowls
- Eating or licking paint chips
- Eating lead, like bullets, sinkers and golf balls

Diagnosis and Treatment:



Lead poisoning could be a serious condition.

If you suspect your pet has been exposed to lead, contact a veterinarian to talk about testing and treatment.

Pet safety tips for dealing with water that has lead in it:



- Give your pet bottled or filtered water to drink
- Use bottled or filtered water when making your pet's food
- Keep the toilet seat down! Do not allow pets to drink out of an unfiltered water source
- Remember, this applies to all types of animals

Toxicities are reportable to the State Veterinarian's Office. Any veterinarian that suspects or has confirmed a case of toxicity, is to report the case to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by calling 1-800-292-3939.