



TOPLINES

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Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2024

Pets can encounter a multitude of potential toxins every day, but the toxicology experts at Pet Poison Helpline have released their annual list of the Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2024 based on actual caller data.

“Although there are thousands of potential toxins, some items rise to the top of the list every year,” said Dr. Renee Schmid, a senior veterinary toxicologist and director of Veterinary Medicine at Pet Poison Helpline. “Although this year’s lists for dogs and cats is very similar to 2023, the order has changed slightly and the differences between dogs and cats continue to be significant.”

The Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2024 for dogs were:

1. Chocolate
2. Grapes/Raisins
3. Bromethalin
4. Xylitol
5. Ibuprofen
6. Marijuana (THC)
7. Anticoagulant Rodenticides
8. Vitamin D3 (overdose)
9. Carprofen (overdose)
10. Onions/Chives/Leeks/Shallots (*Allium* species)

“One shift we saw from 2023 to 2024 was bromethalin (rodenticide) moved up the list two places from fifth to third place,” Dr. Schmid explained. “Carprofen also moved up one place from tenth to ninth.”



Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

LUNCH MEETING

**Sunday, February 23, 2024
at 11:30 am**

**At
Captain Joe's Grill
9901 N. Main St
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
(734)257-9000**

BUSINESS MEETING— Immediately following Lunch

If you wish to discuss a matter, have your information ready.

Committees, be ready with your reports. This will help keep time to a minimum



RSVP to Beth Santure bsanture@gmail.com or

to the Yahoo Group by February 21st

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Carprofen calls are predominantly due to the wrong pet ingesting the medication or an overdose occurring, not from normal therapeutic use.”

The Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2024 for cats were:

1. Lilies (Lilium species)
2. Chocolate
3. Onions/Chives/Leeks/Shallots (Allium species)
4. Garlic
5. Ibuprofen
6. Alstroemeria, Peruvian Lily
7. Vitamin D3 (overdose)
8. Amphetamine Combos
9. Carprofen
10. Tulips

“As you can see, the list of Top 10 Pet Poisons for cats is significantly different than it is for dogs,” Dr. Schmid said. “The biggest difference is that specific lilies are extremely dangerous to cats, while chocolate is the biggest temptation for dogs, based on the calls received to our call center.”

Marijuana continues to be a major concern for dog owners. As more and more states legalized medical and recreational marijuana, Pet Poison Helpline saw a significant increase in THC-related exposures. In fact, from 2019 to 2023, there was a 430% increase in marijuana-related calls.

In 2024, there was a 24.7% decrease in the number of calls regarding marijuana compared to 2023, but it was not enough to knock it out of sixth place on the dog list. “We’ve done a significant amount of educational outreach around the dangers of THC exposure, so I’d like to think our efforts helped move the needle in the right direction,” Dr. Schmid explained.

“Even if you don’t use marijuana, your pet can still be exposed,” Dr. Schmid added. “We’ve seen cases where dogs have gotten into a neighbor’s pot brownies, or a visitor brings a THC-infused treat into a pet’s environment without the owner’s knowledge. Based on our call data, dogs are far more likely to be attracted to marijuana than cats.”

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The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers; foster cooperation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

CLUB NEWS:



2025 Calendar of Important Events

February 23 Sunday - General Meeting @ 11:30 am
Captain Joe's Grill, 9901 N. Main St, Whitmore Lake, 48189

April 30 Wednesday —ZOOM General Meeting 7pm

June 7 Saturday—General Meeting
Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, Whitmore Lake, MI

July 25,26,27 MSCM Agility Trials
All Dogs Can, 2040 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

August 20 Wednesday — ZOOM General Meeting 7 pm

September 26 Friday—MSCM Specialty
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 12 Sunday —General Meeting
Valiant Restaurant, 1120 S. Main St, Chelsea, MI

December 6 Saturday —General Meeting 4pm
MSCM Meeting/Xmas Party , Coral Gables, East Lansing, MI

The MSCM made a donation to the AKC Reunite Disaster Fund. The AKC Disaster Fund helps support pets and owners during time of disaster.

2025 MSCM AGILITY TRIALS

The MSCM Agility Trials are July 25, 26, & 27, 2025. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lynn B, if you are available to help out.

There are easy jobs & lots of fun
watching the dogs run!

The agility raffle is back this year. Contact JoAnne Scott with donations. Gift cards are always popular items in the raffle. Items can be brought to the February or June meetings!

Performance Corner by JoAnne Scott

Is That a Cyst or a Tumor?

Terminology is important when it comes to lumps or bumps on your dog's skin. A "cyst" is a capsule that usually has fluid in it, although it can have air as well. "Tumor" is a general term, basically a generic swelling or mass.

The terms tumor and neoplasm tend to be used interchangeably. A neoplasm is a mass with abnormal tissue. It can be benign (slow growing and noninvasive) or malignant (rapid growth with spread to other tissues). It may be cancerous or noncancerous.

Overall, lumps and bumps tend to be solid tissue masses, but a bump like a superficial abscess may contain pus as well as some solid tissues.

SHOULD YOU WORRY?

Most benign growths are superficial and develop slowly. They are only in the outermost layers of the skin, so they are movable and not firmly attached to the body and underlying tissues. They are not usually red or inflamed or painful.

If you notice any growths on your dog, track their location and size. Checking once a month is a good idea. If things change, contact your veterinarian for an exam. Your chart of the growth's history will be helpful.

If your vet has any concerns, the first step is generally a needle aspiration, which is done without any anesthesia and provides your vet with cells to examine under the microscope.

COMMON TYPES OF LUMPS, CYSTS, AND TUMORS

Just like us, our dogs can have a variety of skin tags, growths, lumps, bumps, and cysts:

CYSTS. Some cysts have a clear, thin layer of tissue. Your veterinarian can drain a cyst, but without removal of the capsule, it will often refill.

SEBACEOUS CYSTS. These cysts tend to be firm and white or gray in color. They do not drain easily, may rupture and become infected.

SKIN TAGS. Small skin tags and wart-like growths tend to be benign but may irritate your dog due to the location. If they're irritating, you can discuss removal with your veterinarian.

LIPOMAS. Lipomas are fatty neoplasms that tend to be smooth, often round, and benign. They can be moved around in the skin a bit and you can usually feel underneath them. Some of these can get quite big and may not be as movable then.

MAST CELL TUMORS. These tricky skin growths usually appear benign, somewhat superficial, and without inflammation. Often, if they are rubbed, they will have a temporary increase in size, the skin will get red and warm, and your dog may bite or itch at them. This is due to his-

tamine release from the irritated mast cells. Mast cell growths require veterinary intervention.

Most of the lumps described above are benign, but some can indicate other problems or even cancer. Erring on the side of caution with a vet appointment is wise. Everything is easier to treat when caught earlier.

A few years ago, Nova had a small lump on her lower back, that my vet diagnosed as a cyst. She checked it at all Nova's subsequent checkups. A few months ago, it started to shrink and within a week it dried up. I peeled it off, and no more cyst!

PUPPIES AVAILABLE

Contact Beth Santure at bsanture@gmail.com for more information.

SHOW CALENDAR

2025

March 8-9 O/R
St Joe Valley AC
Buchanan, MI

March 21-23 O/R
Companion DTC
Flint, MI

March 27-30 Breed
Jaxon, Macomb KC
Mason, MI

March 28-30 O/R
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI

April 5-6 Rally
Saginaw Valley KC
Flint, MI

April 18-20 O/R
Obed TC Lansing
Lansing, MI

April 26-27 Breed
Progressive DC
Corunna, MI

Agility 2025

March 1-2
Sportsmen's DTC
Lapeer, MI

March 7-9
Oakland Cty KC
Lapeer, MI

March 13-16
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

March 20-23
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

March 27-30
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

April 3-6
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

April 11-13
Siberian Husky
Lapeer, MI

April 17-20
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI

April 25-27
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

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