

When should you use ACTIVATED CHARCOAL



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IS THE PET STABLE?

(Seizure, coma, depression, loss of gag reflex, or at risk for aspiration?)

YES

NO

Will charcoal
bind the toxin?

Treat clinical signs.

YES

NO

Are signs expected to be life-threatening?

Treat clinical signs,
consider treatment
options, or
antidote, if indicated.

YES

NO

Is the exposure recent or
is there enterohepatic
recirculation?

NO

Treat clinical signs, consider
treatment options,
or antidote, if indicated.

YES

Check hydration & serum sodium.

Treat dehydration,
lower sodium.
Once completed,
reconsider if
charcoal should
be given.

NORMAL

ABNORMAL

Give
charcoal.



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