


# Pet Pool Safety



If you're spending time by the water this summer, make sure to keep your pets away from these common dangers!

**Undiluted pool chemicals** are extremely corrosive, and if ingested will cause severe ulcers in the mouth, throat and esophagus which can even become life-threatening.

 **Watch for** drooling, oral sores, mouth pain, vomiting, anorexia, bloody vomit/stool.


**Salt water pools and oceans** can cause life-threatening hypernatremia if your pets drink an excessive amount and no fresh water is available.

 **Watch for** extreme thirst, vomiting, dehydration, impaired balance or coordination, tremors, seizures


**Pool water**, while greatly diluted, contains chlorine and algicides to make the water suitable for swimming.

 **Watch for** mild vomiting, diarrhea

**Sunscreens and bug sprays** may contain chemicals that could be harmful to pets if ingested or applied topically.

 **Don't** use sunscreens or bug repellents on your pets unless they are marked as safe for animals.

**Alcohol**, even in small amounts, is extremely dangerous to pets if ingested and can even result in death.

 **Watch for** vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma

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If your pet has been exposed to any pool chemicals, salt water, or alcohol please contact APCC or your veterinarian.  
For more information, please visit [aspcapet.org/apcc](https://www.aspcapet.org/apcc)

