



# How to Induce Vomiting

~ Warning ~ Before You Induce Vomiting ~ Warning ~

If convulsions, seizures, shock, or lethargy are present as symptoms, do NOT induce vomiting. Also, do not induce vomiting if your dog:

1. Swallows an acid, alkali, solvent or heavy-duty cleaner
2. Is severely depressed or comatose
3. Swallows a petroleum product
4. Swallows tranquilizers (which prevent vomiting)
5. Swallows sharp objects (which could lodge in the esophagus or perforate the stomach)
6. If more than two hours have passed since the poison was swallowed.

## How to Induce Vomiting using Hydrogen Peroxide

If you see your dog ingest any of the items found in the detailed lists below, you can induce vomiting using **Hydrogen Peroxide**. Despite the label indicating that hydrogen peroxide is toxic, it IS safe to give to dogs for inducing vomiting. Hydrogen peroxide is considered toxic since it induces vomiting and, therefore, does not stay in the body which is why it is a good choice if a toxic item is swallowed.

The appropriate dose of hydrogen peroxide is **one teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight**. If you have an oral syringe, one teaspoon equals 5 cc or 5 ml. Once given, walk your dog around or gently shake the stomach area to mix the peroxide with the stomach contents. Vomiting should occur within 15 to 20 minutes. If no vomiting occurs, you can safely repeat **ONLY ONCE** as long as you are using a three percent (3%) hydrogen peroxide. If using hydrogen peroxide is not effective, please seek immediate veterinary care.

Once the hydrogen peroxide is given and your dog vomits, it is important to watch your pet so that it does not re-ingest the substance. If there is concern about toxicity, collect and take a sample of the vomit to your veterinarian. In most cases of poisoning, the immediate treatment is to induce vomiting.

In ALL poisoning cases, please seek veterinary care immediately. Vomiting is only a temporary fix which allows enough time to get your pet to a vet.