



The Rescue Crew  
SAVE A LIFE TODAY

# Pet-Proofing Checklist

How to make your home safe for pets



- Secure your trash cans**  
Invest in a trash can with a locking lid or keep the bin inside a closet or cabinet with a child-safety lock.

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  - Secure cleaning supplies**  
Keep household cleaning products out of reach in a locked cabinet. Consider non-toxic and pet safe options.

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  - Store medications safely**  
Store medications in high cabinets out of your pet's reach. Use child-proof latches for especially curious and persistent pets.

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  - Protect from electrical hazards**  
To prevent pets from chewing on electrical cords or licking outlets, keep them hidden or invest in outlet covers.

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  - Hang up handbags and backpacks**  
Purses and backpacks may contain items that are toxic to pets, so always place them in a safe location.

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  - Beware of toxic foods**  
Keep toxic foods, such as chocolate, items that contain xylitol, grapes, onions, and garlic, away from your pet.

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  - Make your décor pet-friendly**  
Secure lamps, bookshelves, and decorations your pet can pull or knock down. Move open storage to a closed closet or a high shelf.
- Avoid toxic plants**  
Keep toxic plants and cut flowers out of reach of pets or avoid them entirely. Remove potentially dangerous plants from your yard.

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  - Safeguard the garage**  
Lock up pesticides, fertilizer, antifreeze, and any other chemicals that can be fatal to pets. Clean up spills. Store sharp tools out of reach.

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  - Maintain your yard**  
Trim back tall grasses and remove debris to keep ticks at bay. Routinely clean backyard structures to prevent fleas from congregating.

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  - Fence in your pool area**  
Never leave your pet unattended in a yard with a pool.

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  - Check fence for weak areas**  
Pets can slip through tiny gaps and holes in a fence. Perform regular checks to ensure your yard is secure.

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  - Post emergency numbers**  
Keep animal poison control hotline and veterinarian phone numbers close by in case of emergency.

