

# TOXIN TRIAGE

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Simply print off, complete with as much detail as possible and pass to the clinical team.

Completed by: ..... Time of call: .....

Owner's name: ..... Contact no: .....

## THE PATIENT

Name: .....

Body Weight (if known): ..... Age: .....

Species: ..... Breed: .....

Is your pet showing any symptoms? Y  N

If yes, what? .....

## THE TOXIN

Name of product/substance: .....

Active ingredient(s): .....

Type of exposure: Oral/ingested  Skin/topical  Eye

Are there any other pets that have/could have been exposed? Y  N   
(If yes, obtain their details too on a separate form)

How much has your pet been exposed to? .....  
(e.g. volume, weight, no. of tablets etc)

What is the strength/concentration of the toxin, including the unit? .....  
(e.g. %, mg, mg/ml...)?

When did the exposure occur? .....

## THE ACTION

- Advise them to STOP any further ingestion/exposure of the toxin:
  - Remove the dangerous substance from the pet(s) or vice versa
  - It is NOT advisable for owners to try and make their pet(s) vomit at home
  - Fit an Elizabethan Collar or wrap in a towel if skin/fur contamination
- Present this information to the vet team who will decide whether the patient needs to be seen immediately\*
- If instructed, book an emergency appointment for the pet(s) to be brought straight in. Estimated time of arrival: .....
- Does the caller still have access to the toxic substance? Y  N 
  - If Yes, instruct caller to bring in labels/packageing + secure sample of toxin.
  - If No, request they bring in a sample of vomit for testing if the pet has been sick.

\*Further information/advice can be sought from:

TVM UK (0800 038 5868), the VPIS (0207 3055 055) or the VPG toxicology lab (0113 287 0175).