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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## Toxic Algae: Hazard for Dogs

Toxic algae poisoning, also known as cyanobacterial poisoning, is an acute, sometimes fatal, condition caused by the ingestion of water containing high concentrations of cyanobacteria.

In Oregon, dogs have become very sick, and some have died, after swimming in and swallowing water affected by toxic blue-green algae.

Poisonings are most likely to occur during warm, sunny weather when algae blooms are more intense and dense surface scums are present. If you find thick, brightly colored foam or scum at a lake, pond or river, don't let your pet drink or swim in the water.



### If Your Dog Does Go in the Water

Don't let your pet lick its fur.

Wash your pet with clean water as soon as possible.

If your dog shows the symptoms noted above after being in water, seek immediate veterinary care. Acute, life-threatening symptoms can develop rapidly. Death can occur within minutes to hours after exposure.

### Treatment

Treatment depends on the type of toxin and how much damage has occurred, and may include aggressive decontamination, labs to evaluate liver health, fluids to help flush the toxins out of the body, activated charcoal. A dog may require aggressive care for shock, respiratory distress, or acute liver failure.

### Symptoms

Children and pets are particularly susceptible to toxic algae. Exposure to blue-green algae can result in:

Weakness or collapse

Nausea, vomiting

Excessive drooling

Abdominal pain

Diarrhea

Difficulty breathing

Shaking, trembling

Tremors, rigidity, paralysis



For more information visit <http://www.oregonvma.org/care-health/dogs/blue-green-algae-hazard-dogs>

The Coos County Fair is right around the corner and therefore it's time to start getting your fair animals the best health / immunity / preventive regime possible. Here are a couple things to keep in mind as you get ready for the season.

**Animals with any visual signs of disease are not allowed entrance into the fair.** This includes, but is not limited to:

**CATTLE (BEEF & DAIRY, EXOTIC CATTLE):** respiratory disease, ring worm, warts, pinkeye.

**LLAMAS:** respiratory disease, skin and foot diseases.

**SHEEP & GOATS:** abscesses, foot problems, respiratory diseases, pinkeye, skin disease, sore mouth.

**SWINE:** warts, lice, respiratory disease.

**Make sure your animals are up to date on vaccines.** For the benefit of your own and others animals, it's best to have them on the best preventive regimen possible. Most of these vaccine programs must begin weeks or months in advance of the fair. Some specific requirements include:

All female cattle over 4 months of age must be **Bangs** vaccinated, have a tag, and a visible/legible ear tattoo on entry.

All sheep are required to have a **Scrapie** tag with point of origin.

All sheep originating within 20 miles of confirmed blue tongue outbreak will be required to have been vaccinated no less than 30 days or more than 18 months prior to entry.

**Perform changes in diet gradually and well in advance of fair entrance day.** Grazing animals have a very complex digestive system. Sudden changes in diet can lead to severe medical problems such as bloat and colic. If your animals have been strictly out on pasture grass, introduce the hay and grains you will be using for the fair slowly over the course of a month.

**Bring 2 water bucket for each animal.** We have seen problems in the past with fair animals getting sick from the chlorine levels in the city water, especially in the form of colic in horses. For this reason, we recommend the 2 bucket system. While the animal is drinking from one bucket, the other is filled so that the chlorine can evaporate away before it is consumed.

**Heat stress can be an issue at the fair.** Try to keep animals as cool as possible before they are loaded and try to haul them during the cool portion of the day if the weather is warm. You can also keep the stock trailer in the shade prior to loading.

The Myrtle Veterinary Hospital wishes you a happy and rewarding fair. May you all be grand champions!



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