

# Don't risk this puppy's life!

Regular ethylene glycol antifreeze is so toxic a mere tablespoon will kill a cat or dog.

Ask for pet-friendly, propylene glycol antifreeze at your service centre or automotive retailer.

Switch to  
pet-friendly  
antifreeze.



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# Make the switch to pet-friendly antifreeze.

Just a tablespoon of antifreeze can kill a cat or dog. Standard ethylene glycol antifreeze is highly toxic to pets, wildlife and children.

## →Animals and children die!

Each year an estimated 10,000 dogs and cats\* are inadvertently poisoned by automobile antifreeze containing ethylene glycol. Birds and wild animals are also at risk. Antifreeze is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous poisons for children.

\*US figures.

## →Use the “animal-safe” alternative

Propylene glycol antifreeze is a safer alternative recognized by car manufacture's warranties. This animal-friendly alternative has anti-corrosive properties, is biodegradable, and is recyclable, making propylene-based antifreeze a better choice for the safety of pets and wildlife, and people, while still maintaining vehicle engine protection.

## →Pets like the taste!

Animals like the taste of antifreeze products which is spilled or leaks from vehicles. As many as 88% of animal encounters with the toxin end in fatality.

## →Clean spills immediately

If you spot any puddles of yellowish-green coloured liquid on the ground mop them up immediately or thoroughly flush with water. Only dispose of antifreeze at your local service station.

## →If you suspect poisoning, act quickly

Animals will show symptoms within an hour of ingestion. If untreated, death from kidney failure will occur within days.

## →Antifreeze poisoning symptoms

**Stage one:** Staggering, lack of coordination, disorientation, and vomiting within the first 30 minutes and may continue for several hours. **Stage two:** Permanent kidney damage plus central nervous system damage occurs. The animal will lapse into a coma. Death usually occurs within 48 hours.

## →Veterinary care

Immediate treatment is critical. If you suspect your pet has been poisoned, take your pet to see a veterinarian! **Your pet will NOT recover without treatment.**

**Make the switch today!**

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