

House of Hazards Scavenger Hunt



We challenge you to look at your house from a pet's point of view. How many hazards, or dangers, lurk around every corner and hallway? The best medicine is prevention, so make sure your house is free of as many hazards as possible to avoid accidents, unnecessary vet visits and costly medical procedures.

Directions:

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Start by finding as many hazards as you can on the sample house below. You should be able to find at least 20, but there could be more. Check the answer list on the next page to make sure you found them all.



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Answer Key and Eplanations of Hazard:

Car – Pets can be run over or hurt if left in a hot car

Antifreeze – Ethylene glycol antifreeze is toxic to pets, even in small quantities

Fire – Open flames can burn curious pets

Recliner – Small dogs or tails can get caught up in the gears of reclining chairs

Candle – Open flames can burn curious pets

Holiday ornaments – Sharp pieces of ornaments can be swallowed by pets

Toilets - Toilet cleaners may be dangerous to animals that drink from toilets

Rocking Horse - Unlucky paws can become caught under rocking horses or chairs

Toddler – Small children do not know how to safely handle pets and should be supervised

Medicine – Pets can be poisoned by ingesting medicines meant for humans

Outdoor Cats – If your dog has a prey drive it could see an outdoor cat and give chase

Open Door – Inside pets can escape through open doors

Cleaners – Many household cleaners are toxic if ingested by pets

Laundry detergent – Laundry detergent can be toxic to pets

Birthday cake - Chocolate is toxic for dogs

Chicken Bones – Cooked chicken bones may splinter into sharp pieces if chewed by pets

Bats – If your pet is bitten by a bat or other wild animal, it could contract diseases

Mousetrap – Mousetraps can snap shut on unsuspecting pets

Rat Poison – Pets can accidentally ingest rat poison

House Plants - Many common household plants can be poisonous to pets

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Now, take a tour of your home and write down all the hazards you find. You can also take video or pictures to share with us in a reply. How many hazards did you find in total? Does your house have any unique hazards not on our list?