



FIRST AID FOR TOAD TOXICITY

The signs of toad toxicity are;

- profuse salivation
- red gums
- vomiting
- altered mentation
- seizures



What should I do if my dog is affected?

1. Get a bowl of water and clean chux cloth.
2. Wipe the gums with the moist cloth repeatedly for AT LEAST 10 minutes. The toxin is sticky so this wiping motion is needed to remove it.
3. **DO NOT** use a hose in the mouth. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS as the water flows down into the lungs and creates a much more serious problem!
4. If your dog is still showing clinical signs (disorientation, seizures, vomiting, continued salivation) then bring them in to the emergency centre for additional treatment.

If your pet is severely affected when you find them (eg has already seized) then have someone else wipe out their mouth in the car, while you get them to the vet ASAP. Keep them in a sitting position in the car - they are more likely to aspirate vomit when they are cradled in a lying position.

The MOST important part of treating toad cases is getting rid of the toxin and you can start this immediately.