

Animal Safety Alert

TOXIC Blue-Green Algae



When in Doubt... Stay Out!

If you see a bloom, do not let your pet in the water.

- Toxic algal blooms can poison animals, wildlife, and people.
- Toxic blooms can be different colors: green, blue, red, or brown.
- Blooms appear as foam, scum, or streaks on the surface of water.
- Look for blooms in lakes, ponds, and rivers.



If your pets go in the water:

- Do not let them lick their fur.
- Rinse them with clean water.
- Rinse your hands and any exposed skin.

Dogs can have severe signs within minutes to hours.

Look for these signs:

- Low energy
- Not eating
- Vomiting
- Stumbling
- Seizures
- Weakness
- Drooling
- Diarrhea
- Paralysis
- Tremors

If your pet becomes ill - Call your veterinarian immediately.



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Report animal poisonings to your local health department:



**WA Dept of Health Ph: 360-236-3330
www.doh.wa.gov/algae**