

# PET SAFETY TIP

## Salt Water *Toxic to Dogs & Cats*

Salt water contains sodium chloride, which can cause severe dehydration, kidney damage, brain swelling, seizures, and death. As little as two to three cups of salt water can be toxic for a large dog, and less than a gallon can cause death.

Toxicity signs can appear from 30 minutes to several hours after ingestion, and may include vomiting, diarrhea, lack of coordination, disorientation, seizures, and unresponsiveness.

Please note that dogs consume salt water when playing with toys in the water, and while swimming with their mouths open. Ingestion doesn't always happen directly from a pet taking a drink.



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**Seek veterinary care immediately  
if there is suspected ingestion!**