

Saving pets' lives...24 hours a day, 7 days a week



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Dear Gulf Coast Veterinarians:

As the Gulf Coast oil disaster continues, we at Pet Poison Helpline (PPH) would like to express our concern not just for the wildlife and the marine creatures exposed, but also for the other animals that may be affected by this tragic spill. In effort to provide aid during this catastrophe, PPH will donate complimentary poison control consultations to any **veterinarian** in need of assistance with a companion or large animal directly affected by the oil spill. For example, if you are treating a dog or horse that swam in or drank from oil contaminated water and have questions that poison control experts can answer, please know that we are available for consultation **free of charge**.

Pet Poison Helpline™ is a 24-hour, international animal poison control service based out of Minneapolis, Minnesota and is available for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet. We have the ability to help every pet, with all types of poisonings, 24 hours a day. Our knowledge and expertise will put your mind at ease when dealing with a potential emergency.

### What is Pet Poison Helpline?

- **24/7 access to leading pet poison control experts**
- **The only animal poison control staffed with board-certified veterinary specialists in internal medicine and emergency critical care (DACVIM, DACVECC)**
- **Staffed by veterinarians, pharmacologists, herpetologists, medical doctors, and clinical and veterinary toxicologists (DABVT)**
- **The most cost-effective animal poison control center option (\$35) compared to ASPCA ( \$65)**
- **Free follow up consultations**
- **The world's largest industry poison control center**
- **28 years experience and over 750,000 animal cases managed**
- **Treatment advice available for all species (including large animal, exotics, pocket pets, etc.)**
- **Affiliated with the University of Minnesota**

When calling regarding a case directly pertaining to the Gulf Coast oil spill, please let the veterinary staff assisting you know that this should be a complimentary call. Presently, we are not directly offering this complimentary service to pet owners, as we would like them to always be evaluated by a veterinarian first.

Please contact us directly if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you the best of luck during this disaster.

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