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## Toxic Algae

*Keep your Dog Safe from this Water Hazard*

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**C**yanobacterial poisoning is a sometimes fatal condition



caused by the ingestion of water containing high concentrations of blue-green algae toxins.

In Oregon, dogs have become very sick, and some have died, after

swimming in and swallowing water affected by toxic algae. Poisonings more commonly occur during warm, sunny weather when algae blooms are intense and surface scums are present. If you find brightly colored foam or scum at a lake, pond or river, don't let your pet drink or swim in the water.

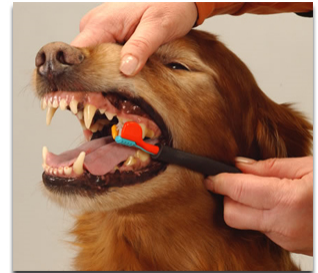
### Symptoms

Exposure to blue-green algae can result in:

- Numbness

## NEXT DENTAL SPECIAL

Coming in  
SEPTEMBER



*Consider this basic tenet of care and improve your pet's health and comfort.*

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**M**ore and more of our clients recognize the importance of regular dental cleaning. Dental disease has a significant effect on the kidneys as well as other organs, and it

- Tingling
- Dizziness
- Difficulty breathing
- Skin irritation
- Weakness
- Diarrhea, nausea
- Fainting
- Heart problems

### If Your Dog Goes Into the Water:

- Don't let your dog lick its fur
- Wash your dog with clean water as soon as possible

If your dog shows symptoms such as drooling, weakness, vomiting, staggering and convulsions after being in bloom-affected water, CALL US IMMEDIATELY.

Life-threatening symptoms from blue-green algae toxins often develop rapidly. Death can occur within 4 to 24 hours after exposure. Because the toxins are excreted rapidly from the body within a few days, dogs that survive initial tissue damage have a good chance for recovery.

Click [here](#) to visit the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program which provides updates to the public regarding bodies of water that are experiencing blue-green algae blooms.

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