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## **ASPCA**

# **Animal Poison Control Centre**

Happy New Year to all of my readers. I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday. I wanted to pass this information on to everyone. Please note the phone number and post in a readily accessible spot (like the fridge door).

This establishment is an operation division of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and is the only animal oriented poison control centre in North America.

Established in 1978, the Centre is the only facility of its kind staffed by a team of veterinarians, including board certified veterinary toxicologists. Located in Urbana, Illinois, the specially trained staff provides assistance to pet owners and specific diagnostic and treatment recommendation to veterinarians pertaining to toxic chemicals and dangerous plants, products or substances 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The phone number for the hotline is  
**1-888-4-ANI-HELP**  
and the website is  
**[www.asPCA.org/apcc](http://www.asPCA.org/apcc)**

If you suspect that your pet has ingested something he shouldn't have, of course, contact your veterinarian first. But if after hours, I hope that this number is of help.