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

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

Animals can have severe signs within minutes to hours. Look for these signs:

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

If your pet becomes ill, call your veterinarian immediately

Report animal poisonings to your local health department:

Washington State Department of Health

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