

# **Tylenol (Acetaminophen) Poisoning in Dogs**

## **Acetaminophen Toxicity in Dogs:**

Acetaminophen is one of the most commonly used pain relievers, and it can be found in a variety of over-the-counter medications. Toxic levels can be reached when a pet is unintentionally over medicated with acetaminophen , or when a pet has gotten hold of medication and ingested it. Pet owners often do not realize their animals may break into medicine cabinets or chew through medicine bottles. It is important to be able to recognize the symptoms of toxicity, so that you can properly treat your pet if it has accidentally ingested medication.

## **Symptoms and Types:**

The effects of acetaminophen poisoning are quite serious, often causing non-repairable liver damage. Dogs will typically experience acetaminophen toxicity at over 75 milligram per kilogram of body weight. The most common symptoms that you may notice in pets suffering from acetaminophen toxicity include:

- Brownish-gray colored gums
- Labored Breathing
- Swollen face, neck, or limbs
- Hypothermia (Reduced body temperature)
- Vomiting
- Jaundice (yellowish color to skin, whites of eyes) due to liver damage
- Coma