

# Dog safety alert

Algae are common in fresh waters. One type, blue-green algae, sometimes grows into a large bloom that may contain dangerous toxins.

**Dogs have become very sick and even died after swimming in and swallowing water affected by toxic algae.**

**If you find thick, brightly colored foam or scum at a lake, pond or river, don't let your pet drink or swim in the water!**

If your dog goes into the water:

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

If your dog has symptoms such as drooling, weakness, vomiting, staggering and convulsions after being in bloom-affected water, call your veterinarian immediately.

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