

## Paracetamol Poisoning in Cats

Paracetamol, a simple over the counter medication, is used frequently by people managing pain, but did you know that the drug is highly toxic to cats, with just one tablet causing death in some cases? It is worth remembering to never give cats or dogs human medication as they can react very differently to you and I. Paracetamol comes in many different forms for people and all can harm our pets, this includes liquid formulations designed for children, tablets and powders.

Although a curious cat may nibble a paracetamol tablet if it is left in reach, sadly the majority of paracetamol poisoning cases are caused by well-meaning owners giving part or a whole tablet, or a few millilitres of a paracetamol containing suspension to their cat. It is important not to treat pets with medications intended for humans. If your pet is in pain, please contact us so that we can investigate the cause and prescribe a suitable pet safe medication if required.

