

# Quick Tips – From the ER

## Glo-Stick Ingestion is Nothing to Rave About

Glow-in-the-dark novelties (Glo-Sticks and jewelry) are popular with children and at rave parties. Dibutyl phthalate, an oily liquid, is the primary luminescent agent. Within seconds of exposure (typically from biting the object), dogs or cats exposed to this liquid may show signs of profuse salivation, head shaking, agitation, retching, and occasionally vomiting. Thankfully, dibutyl phthalate has a relatively low toxicity level and signs are typically the result of its extremely unpleasant taste. Treatment involves diluting the taste by offering milk or wet food such as tuna. Chemical on the pet's haircoat should be bathed off to prevent re-exposure. Taking the pet into a darkened room can assist in identifying the location of any luminescent chemical on the haircoat.

*We hope you found this information helpful,  
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