UNITED STATES PET EMERGENCY FRIDGE CARD (FLORIDA, HAWAII & GULF)

Dog Bufo Toad Poisoning First Aid

Pin to your refrigerator. Type or write your local 24-hour emergency vet details in the blank boxes below.

YOUR LOCAL 24-HOUR EMERGENCY VET	EMERGENCY VET PHONE NUMBER

IMMEDIATE FIRST AID: BUFOTOXIN ACTS IN MINUTES

1. **Wipe sticky toxin out from back to front:** Wrap a wet washcloth around your fingers and wipe the gums, tongue, and roof of the mouth thoroughly. Rinse the cloth between wipes and repeat for 5 to 10 minutes.
2. **Point nose downward when rinsing:** Never spray a garden hose backward toward the throat, which can push water and toxin into the lungs or stomach. Let gentle lukewarm water drain forward out of the mouth.
3. **Drive to an emergency vet immediately:** Call ahead while en route so staff can prepare cardiac monitoring and anti-seizure treatment. Keep your dog calm during transport.

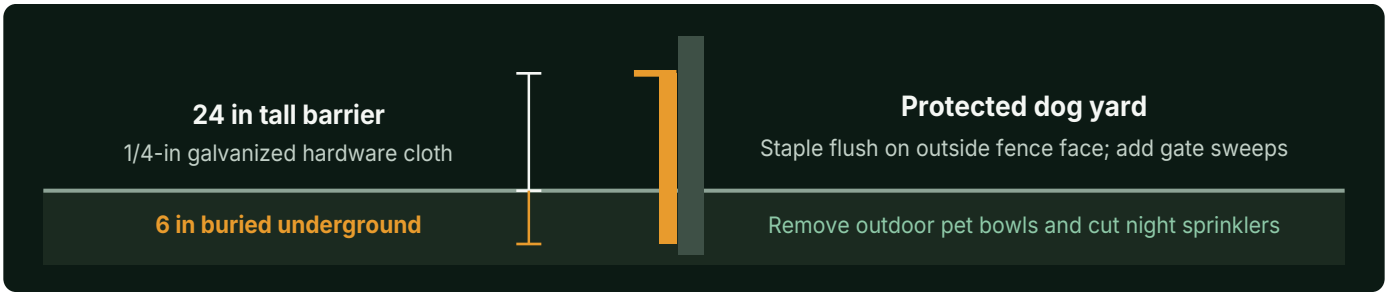
Symptoms of Bufo toad poisoning

- **Immediate (1 to 5 min):** Heavy foaming drool, brick-red gums, frantic pawing at mouth, head shaking.
- **Progressing:** Vomiting, dilated pupils, rapid panting, disorientation, stumbling.
- **Critical emergency:** Muscle rigidity, cardiac arrhythmia, tremors, seizures, collapse.

Evening yard safety checklist

- ☐ Scan damp lawn with a bright headlamp before evening potty breaks.
- ☐ Bring dog food and water bowls indoors before sunset.
- ☐ Replace white patio bulbs with amber yellow bug-shield LEDs.
- ☐ Use a breathable basket muzzle on dogs that chase toads.
- ☐ Cut back overnight sprinklers and clear low brush along fences.

Permanent yard defense: 24-inch hardware cloth barrier



Check species first: Native Southern and American toads are beneficial wildlife. Confirm invasive cane toad traits at toadtrap.com/us/toad-identification/ before any action.

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