

KAOPECTATE WARNING

This message was on one of the Doberman lists. Very useful information. Check those bottles in the cupboard or pet first aid box.

FORWARDED MESSAGE:

- > From Veterinary medicine Bulletin #4544.1
- > Those of you who use Kaopectate to control diarrhea, especially in cats,
- > need to be aware of the recent formula change.
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- > Due to concerns regarding lead levels in the old formulation the
- > manufacturer of Kaopectate have changed the active ingredient to bismuth subsalicylate.
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- > Salicylates (e.g. aspirin, pepto bismol and now kaopectate) should only be
- > administered to cats under veterinary supervision. Some dogs are also
- > sensitive to salicylates. It is no longer safe to use Kaopectate for dogs or for
- > cats at home.
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- > <http://www.usp.org/frameset.htm?>
- > http://www.usp.org/reporting/prnews/dsw_103.htm
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