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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Warning to Pet Owners:**

## *Danger Lurks in Your Valentine's Day Candy Box*

**Newark, New Jersey** – In the weeks leading to Valentine's Day, large quantities of chocolates and candies are purchased. Before heading to your local retailer for your "goodies" purchase, remember that most of these treats are extremely harmful to pets. Some have been known to cause death.

The NJ Poison Control Center advises pet owners to avoid giving their pets any food, candy, etc. meant to be eaten by humans. Keep these items up high and out of reach of pets. Simple tips like the ones above can make a difference between a healthy or a sick pet. You could be saving his/her life.

The Poison Control Center Hotline number, **1-800-222-1222**, can also be used for treatment advice for emergency poisonings regarding pets. If you have a question about which foods may be harmful, call the hotline to talk to a poison specialist. The hotline is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Remember, **Help Is Just a Phone Call Away!**

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