

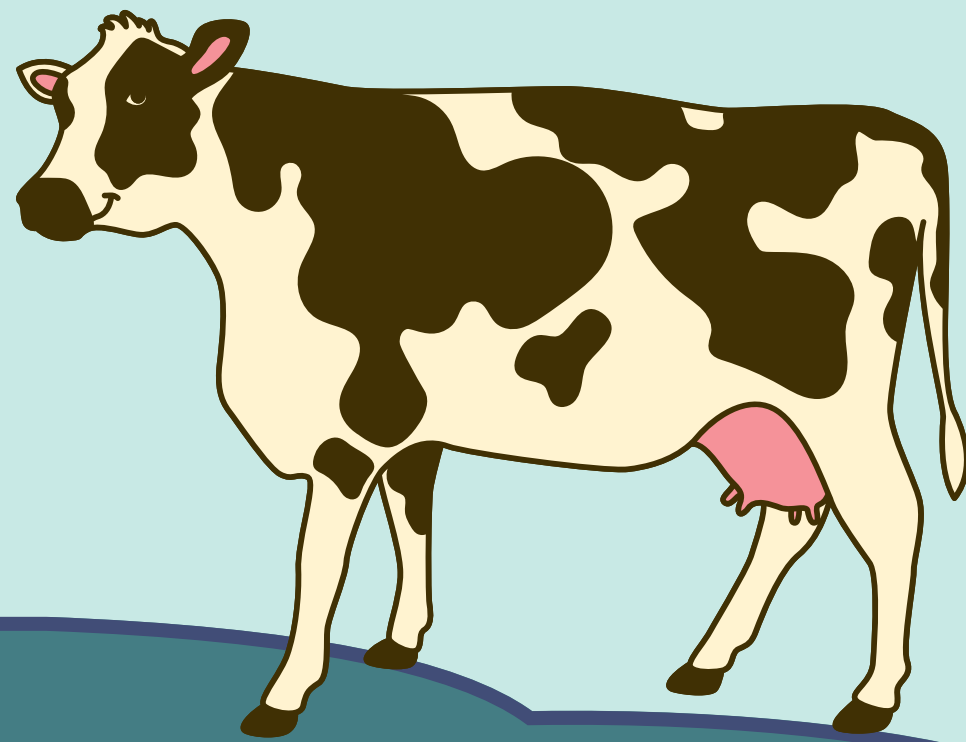
Harmful algal blooms

How to protect your pets and livestock

Symptoms of harmful algal bloom (HAB) exposure in animals

Animals can become sick within minutes to days and may experience:

- excessive salivation
- weakness
- staggering
- difficulty breathing
- vomiting
- convulsions



Animals are particularly susceptible because of their behavior. They can be attracted to the smell, and are more likely to come in contact with and drink contaminated water.

Exposure can be fatal. If your animal is showing any of these signs or symptoms, seek **immediate** veterinary help.



Keep animals away from suspected HABs

Do **not** let pets or livestock drink the water, swim in the water, eat near the water, eat algae, or eat dead animals, like fish, found near the water. If your pet goes into the water, do not let them lick their fur.

What should I do if my animal comes in contact with a suspected HAB?

- Immediately wash them off with clean water to make sure they do not lick cyanobacteria off
- Call your veterinarian and seek care as soon as possible, especially if your animal seems sick
- Call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center* at (888) 426-4435 or the Pet Poison Helpline* at (855) 764-7661 (*There is a fee for these calls)
- Call the Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) at (800) 222-1222 for questions about cyanobacterial toxin poisoning
- Report suspected HABs to the 24-Hour DEQ Environment Incidents Line: (801) 536-4123



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