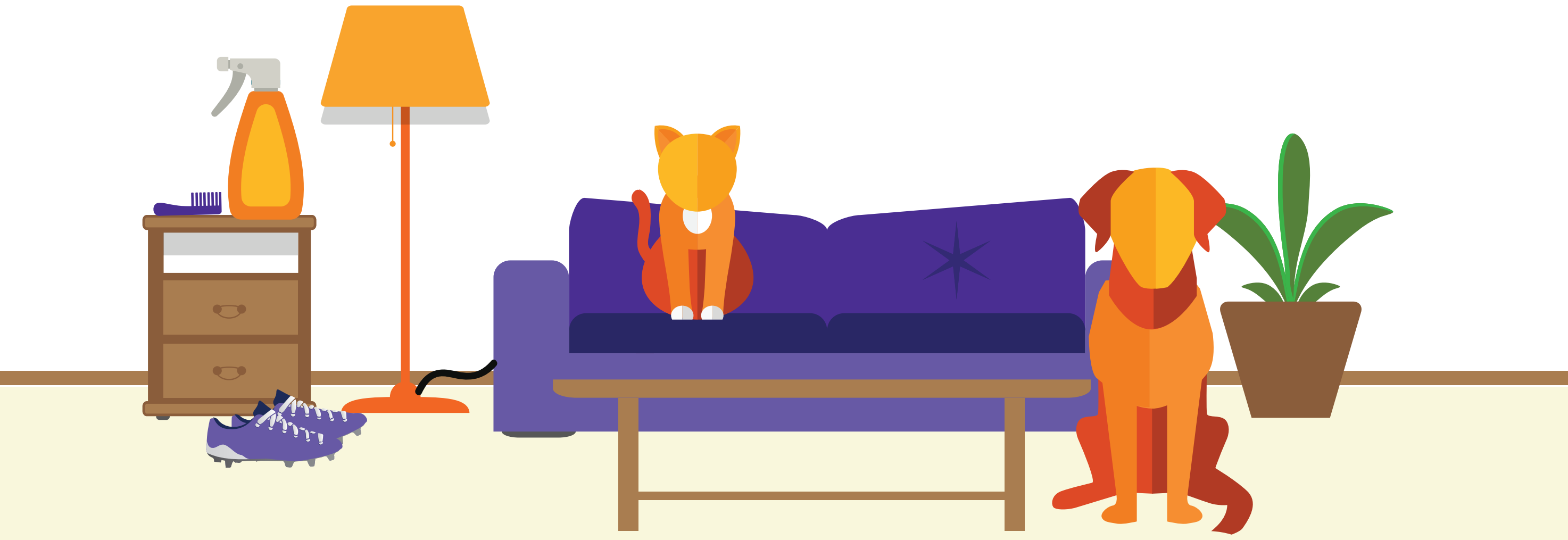


HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS FOR YOUR PETS

There is no way to protect your pet from all potential accidents, but there are a few common danger zones that you can guard against.



WIRES

To avoid electrocution, check all exposed wires and cables for trouble spots such as frayed or trailing wires. Repair any worn wires and keep them safely out of the reach of your dog or cat.



CHEMICALS

Household cleansers, laundry detergents, bleach, paints, pesticides, fertilizers, anti-freeze, disinfectants and insect sprays are all potentially deadly to household pets. Make sure all supplies are securely stored in cabinets and any spills are cleaned up immediately.



CHEWING HAZARDS

Do not leave sharp objects around where your dog or cat can chew or swallow them. Do not allow your pet to play with plastic bags because they can suffocate them. Keep your shoes and other chewables in closed closets, and make sure your pet has appropriate chew toys to play with.

POISONOUS PLANTS

English ivy, iris, amaryllis, daffodil and tulip cause gastric irritation and sometimes central nervous system excitement followed by coma and in severe cases death. Induce vomiting and seek veterinary treatment.

Foxglove, lily of the valley, oleander, monkshood and larkspur can be life-threatening because the cardiovascular system is affected. The different species of yew are also toxic because they affect the nervous system. If any of these are ingested, get the dog or cat to a veterinarian immediately.

