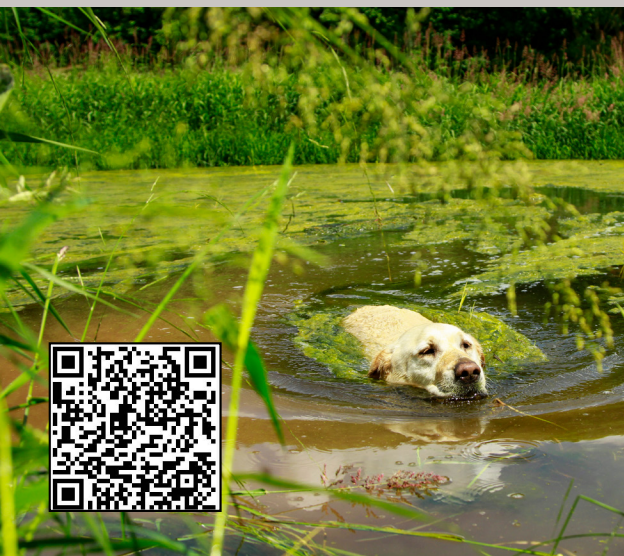


Protect Pets and Livestock from Harmful Algal Blooms



When in doubt, stay out!

To report a HAB or for additional
information, contact the
North Dakota Department
of Environmental Quality at
www.tinyurl.com/WMP-HABs
or call (701) 328-5210.

What are Harmful Algal Blooms?

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) grow best in warm, still water with lots of nutrients, like ponds, lakes, and slow-moving rivers. Some create toxins called cyanotoxins, which can be dangerous to animals if swallowed.

Beware of algae that looks like

- Mats/scum
- Floating layer of blue/green paint
- Grass clippings



Do not let pets or livestock swim in or drink water that might have HABs. If they come into contact with it, rinse them off with clean water as soon as possible.

Symptoms of Exposure

HABs toxins can harm the nervous system. Common symptoms include:

- Shaking or tremors
- Trouble breathing
- Seizures
- Profuse drooling
- Vomiting

Treatment

There are no cures for cyanotoxins. Treatment focuses on supportive care and medications to help with symptoms.