

The following information provided by the Florida Department of Health in Lee County. For more information, contact the Lee County Department of Health at (239) 332-9501 or visit their website at <http://lee.floridahealth.gov/>.

Just like people, pets may be affected by the Florida red tide. The following tips will help you minimize the impact of red tide on your pet:

- **If red tide is high in your area, consider bringing outdoor pets inside to prevent respiratory irritation. Depending on wind speed and direction, the toxins can travel at least 1 mile inland.**
- **Do not allow your pet to play with or get ahold of dead sea life.**
- **If your pet swims in water impacted by red tide, bathe it as soon as possible. Toxins can accumulate on the fur, and if a dog licks themselves after swimming they are liable to ingest the toxins.**
- **If your pet is acting ill (trouble breathing, coughing, eye irritation, etc.) after being in or near waters impacted by red tide, seek veterinary care immediately.**