**THE MANY CAUSES OF VOMITING**

1. **FOREIGN BODY INGESTION OR DIETARY INDISCRETION-** Toys, clothes, garbage, bones, plastic, dirt, twigs, mulch, etc.
2. **ACUTE GASTRITIS-** Inflammation or ulceration of stomach secondary to spoiled food, dietary indiscretion or many unknown causes.
3. **PANCREATITIS-** Acute inflammation of the pancreas.
4. **INFECTION-** Bacterial (clostridium, E. coli, salmonella and others) or viral (parvo, corona, and others)
5. **PARASITISM-** Roundworms, hookworms, heartworms and others.
6. **ORGAN DISEASE-** Liver, kidney, pancreas, thyroid.
7. **MEDICATIONS-** Anti-inflammatories, antibiotics and others.
8. **GASTRIC ULCERS-** Helicobacter infection.
9. **G.**I. **OBSTRUCTION-** Foreign bodies, tumors, intussusception, volvulus, ileus, constipation, etc.
10. **METABOLIC-** Diabetes, Addison’s disease, electrolyte imbalances, thyroid.
11. **NEUROLOGIC DISEASE-** Vestibular syndrome, inner ear problems, epilepsy.
12. **INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE-** Chronic inflammation in stomach or upper intestinal tract, may be secondary to food allergies or unknown causes.
13. **GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX-** Acid from stomach refluxes into esophagus (heartburn).
14. **CANCER-** Anywhere within G.I. tract or within organs such as liver, pancreas, etc.
15. **SMALL INTESTINAL BACERIAL OVERGROWTH-** Disturbance of normal bacterial flora.
16. **PYLORIC STENOSIS OR SPASMS-** The pyloris is a muscular valve that empties the stomach. Stenosis is a narrowing of this valve.
17. **FOOD ALLERGIES OR FOOD INTOLERANCE.**
18. **TOXINS/POISIONS.**

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