

# Attention Pet Parents

Public Safety Message from Toronto Hydro



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Toronto Hydro has discovered instances of contact voltage on streetlighting wire covers located on sidewalks. Contact voltage is electricity that may be present on the surface of outdoor structures like street lighting equipment, street signs and other energized fixtures, posing a serious shock hazard.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOUR PET?

1) Avoid electrical equipment such as handwells on the sidewalk. If possible walk closer to the house or storefront.



- 2) Walk in green areas or parks as much as possible.
- 3) Always walk your pet on a leash so you can direct the animal around electrical equipment.
- 4) Use a leash that's made of non-conductive material, preferably nylon. Try to keep your leash as dry as possible.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET COMES INTO CONTACT WITH ELECTRICITY

**Stop, clear, and call.**

If your pet is incapacitated, **do not touch the animal directly as you may also receive an electric shock.**

If you have a dry, non-conductive leash, remove your pet from the hazard by pulling the leash or use another non-conductive object.

The Toronto Hydro Contact Voltage Hotline is open 24/7 to report any incidents at 416-222-3773 or in an emergency situation call 911.

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