

Pet Owners and Swimmers

# WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

Standing water and an extra nutrient load carried in by flood waters may result in high levels of blue-green algae in some locations. Algae may produce toxins that can be dangerous for pets or small children, who may ingest water while swimming, wading or playing.



- Toxic blooms can be green, blue, red, or brown. Blooms appear as foam, scum, or streaks on the surface of water.
- If you see a bloom, do not let your pet get in the water.
- Do not allow pets to roll in or chew on drying algae along the shoreline.
- We test our beaches for blue-green algae. **Monitor our algae alerts, and swim only at our beach locations.**

If your pets **DO** go in the water:

- Do not let them lick their fur.
- Rinse them with clean water.
- Rinse your hands & any exposed skin.

**If your pet becomes ill, call your veterinarian immediately.**



Memories made naturally.

More Info:

[algae.IN.gov](http://algae.IN.gov)

[stateparks.IN.gov/8473.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/8473.htm)