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scum layers, mats or blobs.

Hunters should adhere to the following advice of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association to help protect their dog's health:

\* Provide a good supply of clean fresh water for your dog to drink while hunting.

\* Don't let dogs submerge themselves in water that has a bloom.

\* If your dog does get in water with a bloom, wash your dog thoroughly before it starts to groom or lick itself.

\* Be sure to wear gloves when you wash your dog and avoid direct contact with any "algae" present.

After potential exposure, watch your dog for signs of lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea or even seizures. If your animal shows any of these symptoms contact your veterinarian immediately. More information on blue-green algae in Wisconsin can be found on the Blue-Green Algae In Wisconsin Waters page of the DNR website and [blue-green algae page of the Department of Health website (exit DNR).

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can develop on warm fall days or on lakes that are in fall turn over.

Cyanobacteria "bloom densities" can develop in surface waters with high concentrations of nutrients, particularly phosphorus. Blooms tend to grow when there is a lot of sunlight, the temperature is warm, the water is shallow and there is little wind. Sometimes when the wind kicks up, blue-green algae will pile up on the windward side of the lake.

Hunters should be on the lookout for the following conditions in the field: a green "pea soup" appearance, surface water blooms that are green, blue, red, or brown in color, or foamy