Cyanobacteria, also referred to as blue-green algae, can make the water murky and sometimes look like paint on the water. These blooms may produce toxins which can make people and pets sick.

If you see any scum on the water do not allow your pet to swim in or drink the water.

If your pet comes in contact with pond scum, rinse off immediately with clean water.

If your pet has been in a pond and shows symptoms such as vomiting, staggering, drooling or convulsions, call your vet immediately.

Report observations of algal blooms or pond scum to the local board of health.