

TOXIC FOR DOGS

CHOCOLATE

Dark Chocolate is more toxic than Milk Chocolate. Chocolates that are more than 60% Cocoa pose an even more serious threat to your cat and dog. Toxic doses of chocolate can cause abnormal heartbeats, kidney failure and even death. The toxic dose is dependent on weight, so small dogs are at higher risk, but with higher levels of cocoa now found in chocolate products even bigger dogs are now at risk.

AVOCADO

Avocado's contain Persin which, if ingested in large amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

WALNUTS & MACADAMIAS

Can cause damage to your dog's nervous and digestive systems and muscles.

GRAPES, RAISINS & CURRANTS

Can cause kidney and liver damage.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol has the same effect on dogs as it has on people, but since dogs are much smaller it takes a lot less alcohol to produce those effects. Alcohol can be fatal if your dog consumes too much.

ONIONS

Can cause anemia and red blood cell damage.

YEAST DOUGH

If consumed yeast dough swells inside the dog's stomach, stretching it's abdomen and causing severe pain. Additionally, when the yeast ferments the dough (to make it rise) it produces toxic alcohol.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

With any toxic exposure, minutes count. So knowing what to do can save your pet's life. Most importantly, you should have the phone number of your local vet and an after-hours emergency animal hospital posted in your home.



LOCAL VET



ANIMAL HOSPITAL

XYLITOL

Xylitol is one of the newest and easily available human foods that is toxic to dogs.

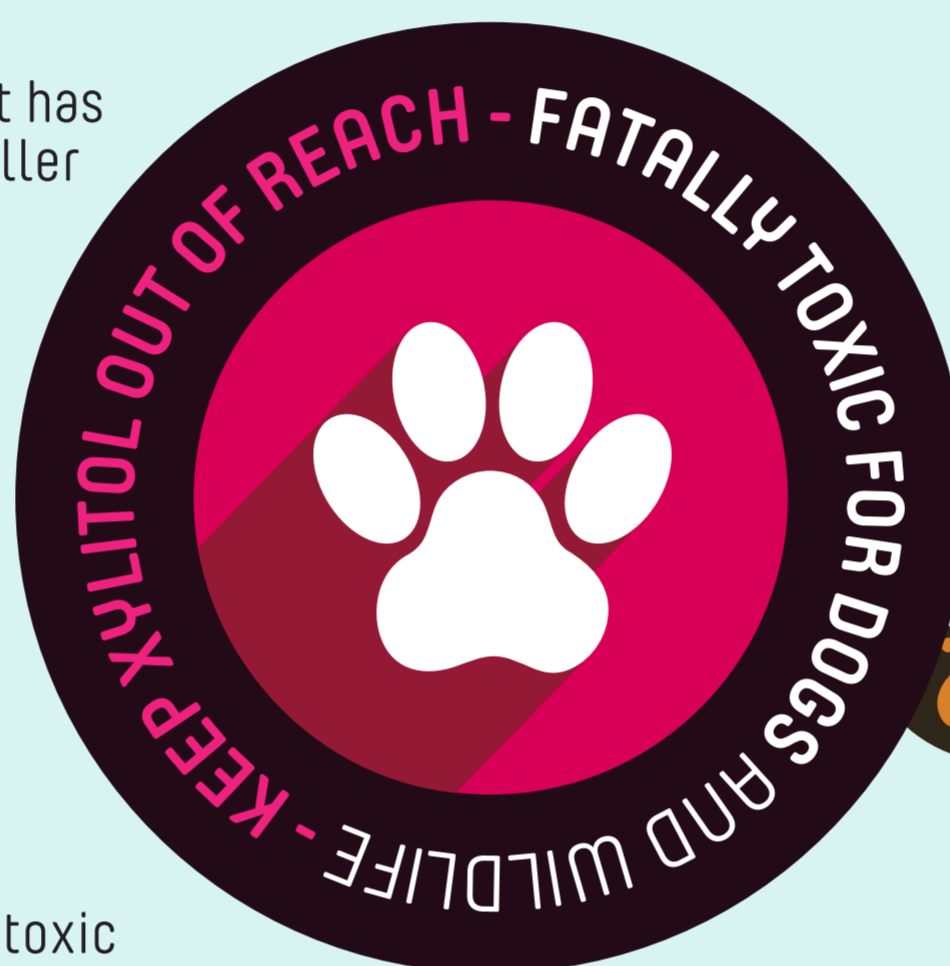
Xylitol is an artificial sweetener that is present in many common products including sugar-free baked products, sweets and chewing gum.

Although Xylitol is well tolerated (and even beneficial) in people, Xylitol can result in severe poisoning in dogs, and possibly in cats, in as little as 15 to 30 minutes.

Xylitol poisoning in pets results in a rapid increase in insulin, which leads to a sudden drop in blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Depending on the amount of Xylitol ingested, clinical signs of hypoglycemia can include vomiting, difficulty walking, weakness and lethargy. Severe signs include collapse and seizures.

Signs of illness may occur within minutes to days of ingesting Xylitol.

If you suspect your pet has ingested Xylitol, seek immediate veterinary attention. Take your dog to a vet or the emergency animal hospital as soon as possible for treatment, and before it is too late.



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