

HARMFUL HUMAN FOOD

What NOT to Give to Your Pets!

- Avocados: Contain cyanogenic glycosides, which will result in cyanide poisoning. All parts of the avocado and avocado tree are toxic to dogs. (Also avoid most fruit pits and seeds.)
- · Alcoholic beverages of any kind: Can lead to coma or even death (includes beer and wine).
- Bones: Can splinter and cause laceration of the digestive system and/or become lodged in your pet's throat. (Most animal bones should not be given to pets, especially chicken or turkey.)
- Broccoli: Is toxic in large amounts.
- Chocolate: Contains theobromine, a cardiac stimulant and diuretic that can be fatal to dogs. (Dark choco late is more toxic but avoid all forms.)
- Coffee, tea and most soft drinks: Contain caffeine, which is toxic to pets.
- Fatty foods: Can cause pancreatitis.
- Garlic: Contains the toxic ingredient thiosulphate (includes raw, cooked and garlic powder).
- Grapes/raisins: Contain an unknown toxic substance that affects dogs' kidneys.
- Macadamia nuts: Contain an unknown substance toxic to dogs.
- Moldy spoiled foods: Acts like food poisoning, causes vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and sedation.
- Mushrooms: Contain toxins that could cause liver and kidney damage.
- Nutmeg: Can cause tremors, seizures and central nervous system damage.
- Onions or onion powder: Contains the toxic ingredient thiosulphate.
- Potato peelings or green potatoes: Contain oxalates that can affect the digestive, nervous and urinary system.
- Raw eggs or raw fish: Can cause Salmonella poisoning.
- Salt, baking soda and baking powder: Can cause an electrolyte imbalance; severe electrolyte imbalances can lead to muscle spasm or even congestive heart failure.
- Sugar-free gum, peanut butter & diet foods: Contain xylitol, which can cause liver failure and even death.
- Yeast dough: Can produce gas and swell in your pet's stomach, leading to rupture of the digestive system.

If you think your pet has been exposed to a poisonous substance, call ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for help: 1-888-426-4435

It may save your pet's life. Consult with us for follow-up care.