



a reminder...

Dangerous Food List for Cats and Dogs

It's so hard to resist sharing a nibble of our food with our furry friends, especially when they cast sweet, seeking eyes upwards, in hope of a taste. But you should always be very careful when considering introducing "people" foods to your pet.

For one thing, it may not be an appropriate food item. If your pet acquires a taste for it and it is not appropriate for them, you have created a problem. Secondly and most importantly, it might actually be very dangerous for your furry companion.

The following list is a reminder of the foods that cats and dogs should avoid:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Any type of alcohol can be dangerous. Aside from intoxication, it can cause coma or even death.

APPLE SEEDS: Can have varied effects on pets.

APRICOT, PEACH, PLUM OR CHERRY PITS: May cause respiratory difficulties such as breathing, coughing and sneezing.

CANDY/GUM CONTAINING THE SWEETENER XYLITOL: Can cause liver damage and even death.

CHOCOLATE: Although pets should never have any type of chocolate, milk chocolate is not nearly as dangerous for animals as semi-sweet or unsweetened baker's chocolate. Chocolate poisoning can cause irregular heart rate and rhythm, restlessness, hyperactivity, diarrhea, vomiting, panting, muscle tremors, abdominal pain, bloody urine, increased body temperature, seizures, coma and possibly even death.

COFFEE: Can result in increased breathing and increased heart rate, restlessness, and can affect the central nervous system.

GRAPES: Large amounts of grapes can be poisonous to pets and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, abdominal pain, lack of appetite and kidney damage.

HOPS: May cause panting, elevated temperature, increased heart rate and seizures.

MACADAMIA NUTS: Can cause vomiting, lethargy, hyperthermia (elevated body temperature), abdominal pain, stiff joints, lameness and tremors.

MOLDY FOODS: Can have varied effects on pets including vomiting and diarrhea.

MUSHROOMS: Different types of mushrooms can have varied effects on pets such as depression, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain, tearing, hallucinations, defecation, liver failure, seizures, drooling, urination, kidney failure, heart damage, hyperactivity and in some cases, death.

MUSTARD SEEDS: Can have varied effects on pets.

ONIONS AND ONION POWDER: Can cause problems such as vomiting and diarrhea.

POTATO LEAVES AND STEMS: Can cause problems with the digestive, nervous and urinary systems.

RAISINS: Large amounts of raisins can be poisonous to pets and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, abdominal pain, lack of appetite and kidney damage.

RHUBARB LEAVES: Can cause problems with the digestive, nervous and urinary systems.

SALT: In large quantities can cause electrolyte imbalances.

TOMATO LEAVES AND STEMS: Can cause problems with the digestive, nervous and urinary systems.

WALNUTS: Can cause gastrointestinal problems such as vomiting and diarrhea, as well as respiratory issues such as sneezing, breathing and coughing.

YEAST DOUGH: Can be dangerous as it will expand and result in gas, pain and possible rupture of the stomach or intestines.

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