

# Keeping your Dog Healthy

## Caution around food and your pet

If you think sharing human food with your companion builds a stronger bond, think again! Just the opposite is true. Dogs cannot process certain foods in the same manner that people do. Your "sharing" could result in a trip to the veterinarian.



### Onions and Garlic

Keep onions and garlic powdered, raw, cooked or dehydrated away from your dog. They can kill their red blood cells, causing anemia. That's even the onion powder in some baby food. Eating a lot just once can cause poisoning. Look for signs like weakness, vomiting, and breathing problems.



### Milk and Dairy

On a hot day, it may be tempting to share your ice cream with your dog. Instead, give them some cold water. Milk and milk-based products can cause diarrhoea and other digestive problems for your pup. They can also trigger food allergies, which can cause them to itch.



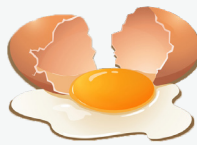
### Fat Trimmings and Bones

Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, can cause pancreatitis in dogs. And even though it seems natural to give a dog a bone, they can choke on it. Bones can also splinter and block or cause cuts in your dog's digestive system.



### Avocado

Also contains a large volume of Persina, just like wheat, caffeine or alcohol it causes vomiting, stomach upset, diarrhoea, respiratory problems and in severe cases even death.



### Raw Eggs

Major veterinary medical associations advise against feeding raw eggs to your dog. There's the chance of food poisoning from bacteria like salmonella or E. coli.



### Yeast Dough

Bread dough can swell and stretch your dog's abdomen and cause a lot of pain. When the yeast ferments the dough to make it rise, it makes alcohol that can lead to alcohol poisoning.

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### Chocolate

Most people know that chocolate is bad for dogs. The problem in chocolate is theobromine. The most dangerous types are dark chocolate and unsweetened baking chocolate. Chocolate can cause a dog to vomit and have diarrhoea. It can also cause heart problems, tremors, seizures, and death.



### Caffeine

Give your dog toys if you want him to be perky. Caffeine can be fatal. Watch out for coffee and tea, even the beans and the grounds. Keep your dog away from cocoa, chocolate, colas, and energy drinks. Caffeine is also in some cold medicines and pain killers. Think your dog had caffeine? Get your dog to the vet as soon as possible.



### Lollies and Baked Goods

Candy, gum, toothpaste, baked goods, and some diet foods are sweetened with xylitol. It can cause your dog's blood sugar to drop and can also cause liver failure. Early symptoms include vomiting, lethargy, and coordination problems. Eventually, your dog may have seizures. Liver failure can happen within just a few days.



### Grapes and Raisins

There are better treats to give your dog. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs. And just a small amount can make a dog sick. Vomiting over and over is an early sign. Within a day, your dog will get sluggish and depressed.



### Seeded and Stone Fruit

The problem with these fruits is the seeds or pits. Seeds from persimmons can cause problems in a dog's small intestine. They can also block his intestines which can also happen if a dog eats the pit from a peach or plum. These pits also have cyanide, which is poisonous to people and dogs.



### Macadamia Nuts

Keep your dog away from macadamia nuts and foods that have macadamia nuts in them. Just six raw or roasted macadamia nuts can make a dog sick. Look for symptoms like muscle shakes, vomiting, high temperature, and weakness in his back legs.

**If your dog displays symptoms from eating these foods contact your Vet professional immediately**

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