

## Common Pet Toxins

**If you think your pet could have eaten any of these toxins please contact your vet immediately.**

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### **Chocolate**



Did you know that chocolate can be a lethal if eaten by your dog or cat?  
The toxins within the chocolate are THEOBROMINE and CAFFEINE

Interestingly, the higher the cocoa content, the more toxic that chocolate is. So for example the delicious 80% Peruvian or even cooking chocolate is much worse (about seven times worse) than milk chocolate.

Symptoms range in severity, and can be dependent on volume ingested but may include, vomiting and diarrhoea, excitability, increased heart rate, tremors and in severe cases seizures and death.

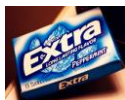
### **Grapes, Sultanas and Raisins**



We must also be mindful of our delicious raisin toast and fruitcakes, also just as appealing to our furry friends as they are to us.

The symptoms of ingestion may include vomiting and diarrhoea, depression, increased drinking and abdominal pain. These symptoms can be due to kidney stress and ultimately kidney failure.

### **Chewing gum**



The toxic component is XYLITOL. This is commonly used as a sugar replacement in lots of products. Symptoms can be seen within 30 minutes of ingestion and may include vomiting, problems walking or standing, seizures and potential liver failure.

### **Lilies**



Cats are particularly susceptible to the toxic compound in Lilies. While it was previously thought that it was just the pollen that was toxic, it is actually the entire plant.

The symptoms may include, vomiting, depression, reduction or no in urine production. This can lead to kidney failure.

**Other toxins include:** onions, garlic, macadamia nuts, rat bait, snail bait, human medications and an overdose of their own medications.