

TOXIC FOODS FOR DOGS AND CATS

Chocolate – Caffeine-like substances in chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, cardiac (heart) arrhythmias, seizures, tremors, panting, hyperactivity, and even death. The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it is, with baking chocolate being the most toxic of all forms.

Caffeine - This substance, found in coffee, tea, energy drinks and soft drinks, causes vomiting, diarrhea, cardiac arrhythmias, seizures, tremors, panting, hyperactivity, and even death.

Onion and Garlic – These foods contain a chemical called thiosulfate that damages red blood cells, causing anemia. These are especially toxic to cats.

Xylitol – This artificial sweetener causes a dramatic drop in blood sugar levels, leading to depression, loss of balance, seizures, liver failure, and even death.

Macadamia Nuts and Walnuts – These nuts have toxins that cause vomiting, diarrhea, muscle stiffness and tremors.

Grapes and Raisins – There is an unknown toxin within these foods that cause kidney failure and even death.

Avocado – Any part of this fruit and plant are toxic, causing fluid accumulation within the lungs, heart, abdomen and pancreas of animals.

Tomatoes, Potatoes and Rhubarb – Any part of tomatoes, especially green tomatoes and the leaves and plant, as well as green (raw) potatoes and their skins are toxic. They cause a variety of problems, ranging from vomiting and diarrhea, to cardiac arrhythmias, to kidney failure and seizures.

Mushrooms – this food causes liver and kidney disease, as well as neurologic effects.

Table scraps and cat food (in dogs) – Fatty foods, especially red meat, cat food (in dogs), and turkey can cause pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) that leads to vomiting, diarrhea, possible diabetes and even death.