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People Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pets

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Chocolate, Macadamia nuts, avocados...these foods may sound delicious to you, but they're actually quite dangerous for our animal companions. Our nutrition experts have put together a handy list of the top toxic people foods to avoid feeding your pet. As always, if you suspect your pet has eaten any of the following foods, please note the amount ingested and contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine

These products all contain substances called methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee and in the nuts of an extract used in some sodas. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death. Note that darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. White chocolate has the lowest level of methylxanthines, while baking chocolate contains the highest.

Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death.

Avocado

The leaves, fruit, seeds and bark of avocados contain Persin, which can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs. Birds and rodents are especially sensitive to avocado poisoning, and can develop congestion, difficulty breathing and fluid accumulation around the heart. Some ingestions may even be fatal.

Macadamia Nuts

Macadamia nuts are commonly used in many cookies and candies. However, they can cause problems for your canine companion. These nuts have caused weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors and hyperthermia in dogs. Signs usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion and last approximately 12 to 48 hours.

Grapes & Raisins

Although the toxic substance within grapes and raisins is unknown, these fruits can cause kidney failure. In pets who already have certain health problems, signs may be more dramatic.

Yeast Dough

Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's digestive system. This can be painful and can cause the stomach or intestines to rupture. Because the risk diminishes after the dough is cooked and the yeast has fully risen, pets can have small bits of bread as treats. However, these treats should not constitute more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your pet's daily caloric intake.

Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones

Raw meat and raw eggs can contain bacteria such as *Salmonella* and *E. coli* that can be harmful to pets. In addition, raw eggs contain an enzyme called avidin that decreases the absorption of biotin (a B vitamin), which can lead to skin and coat problems. Feeding your pet raw bones may seem like a natural and healthy option that might occur if your pet lived in the wild. However, this can be very dangerous for a domestic pet, who might choke on bones, or sustain a grave injury should the bone splinter and become lodged in or puncture your pet's digestive tract.

Xylitol

Xylitol is used as a sweetener in many products, including gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste. It can cause insulin release in most species, which can lead to liver failure. The increase in insulin leads to hypoglycemia (lowered sugar levels). Initial signs of toxicosis include vomiting, lethargy and loss of coordination. Signs can progress to recumbancy and seizures. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.

Onions, Garlic, Chives

These vegetables and herbs can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage. Although cats are more susceptible, dogs are also at risk if a large enough amount is consumed. Toxicity is normally diagnosed through history, clinical signs and microscopic confirmation of Heinz bodies. An occasional low dose, such as what might be found in pet foods or treats, likely will not cause a problem, but we recommend that you do NOT give your pets large quantities of these foods.

Milk

Because pets do not possess significant amounts of lactase (the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk), milk and other milk-based products cause them diarrhea or other digestive upset.

Salt

Large amounts of salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, or even sodium ion poisoning in pets. Signs that your pet may have eaten too many salty foods include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death. In other words, keep those salty chips to yourself!

Remember to send in your brags and news it doesn't have to be herding related! We like to hear about those multi-purpose dogs to!!

Member News



Carrie and her sheltie Sadie earned an invite to the 2010 AKC National Obedience Invitational held in Long Beach CA December 4-5 2010.

ASCA OTCH Sadies Simply Sensational AKC/ASCA UDX MX
MXJ RE RS-E JS-E GS-E RNX

Upcoming Club Events

Nov 26, 27, 2010 LSFTC Tending Trials and Tests
Jan 15,16,17, 2011 LSFTC Tending Trials and Tests
Feb 5, 2011 LSFTC Trials and Tests
Feb 11,12,13, 2011 LSFTC Special Event Trial



Happy Tending!!

LONE STAR FLOCK TENDING CLUB
DONATIONS

Acknowledgement will be sent from the host club with a special thank-you document , donor names and prizes and/or donated goods will be listed in the Premium List and in the Event catalog.

LOCATION: End Gate Ranch, 1412 N Roberts Rd, Ferris TX 214-422-5575 www.endgateranch.com
www.lonestartending.org

->Checks payable to Host Club:

LSFTC (Lone Star Flock Tending Club)

DONATION FOR GENERAL PRIZE FUND (Prize selected by host club) _____

Fri. Nov 26, 2010 Amount _____ Sat. Nov 27, 2010 Amount _____

Sat. Jan 15, 2011 Amount _____ Sun. Jan 16, 2011 Amount _____ Mon. Jan 17, 2011 _____

Sat. Feb 5, 2011 Amount _____

Fri. Feb 11, 2011 Amount _____ Sat. Feb 12, 2011 _____ Sun. Feb 13, 2011 _____

Total _____

Or select Prizes:

OVERALL: (Highest scoring dog of the day) _____

OR

COURSE CHOICE: "C" (Open field flock tending)

CLASS CHOICES: Started ____, Intermediate ____, Advanced ____

TESTS: PT ____, HT ____, INSTINCT _____

Specific Dog Breed _____

SPECIFIC PRIZE (provided by donor) _____

GIFT CERTIFICATE (provided by donor) _____

Donation listed in Premium List and Event Catalog as from:

Donor Name _____ Donation Date _____

Additional Name (friend, dog, business) _____

Message for participants _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Phone(s) _____

Send Donations to:

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