

HUMAN FOODS TOXIC TO DOGS

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Onions and garlic. Both onions and garlic contain the toxic ingredient thiosulphate but onions are more dangerous. Many dog biscuits contain small amounts of garlic-garlic contains less of this toxin so huge amounts would need to be consumed to be toxic.

Chocolate. Chocolate contains theobromine, a compound that is a cardiac stimulant and a diuretic. This can be fatal to dogs.

Grapes (and raisins). Grapes are dangerous because of an unknown substance which is toxic to dogs-affects canine kidneys.

Most Fruit Pits/Seeds. These contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning though the fruit itself is ok.

Macadamia Nuts

Bones. Most bones should NOT be given (especially chicken) to dogs because they can splinter and cause laceration of the digestive system and/or become lodged in your pet's throat. They also pose a choking hazard.

Potato Peels/Green Potatoes/Rhubarb leaves/Green parts of tomatoes. These contain oxalates which can affect the digestive, nervous and urinary systems.

Broccoli. (in large quantities)

Yeast Dough. Yeast dough can produce gas and swell in your pet's stomach leading to rupture of the digestive system.

Coffee/Coffee Grounds/Tea. These are dangerous due to the caffeine.

Beer/Wine/Alcohol. Alcohol could lead to coma or death.

Human Vitamins. Especially those containing iron can cause damage to the lining of the digestive system as well as cause kidney and liver damage.

Persimmons. Can cause intestinal blockage.

Raw Eggs/Raw Fish. Can cause salmonella poisoning.

Salt/Baking Soda/Baking Powder. In large amounts can cause an electrolyte imbalance which can lead to muscle spasm or congestive heart failure.

Mushrooms. May contain toxins that could cause liver and kidney damage.

Sugar Free Foods. May cause liver failure in some dogs.

Excessive Fatty Foods. Can cause pancreatitis.

Avocado. All parts of the avocado and avocado tree are toxic to dogs.

Dairy Products. Dairy products don't usually pose a great danger but many dairy products are high in fat content. Many pets are lactose intolerant which leads to gas and diarrhea. Small amounts of yogurt and cheese are usually fairly well tolerated.