

# Chocolate Toxicity

## Information about Chocolate Toxicity

Chocolate is toxic to dogs, it contains caffeine and methylxanthines which are both toxic to dogs.

### Symptoms of Chocolate Toxicity

- Tremors
- Vomiting
- Restlessness or agitation
- Hyperactivity
- Heart arrhythmias
- Seizures

### Diagnostics and Treatment

Your dog will be given medication to induce vomiting on arrival. Dogs do not digest chocolate well which means it can sit in the stomach for up to 8 hours after ingestion.

Activated charcoal will be given with a small meal after vomiting was induced. The activated charcoal will bind to the remaining chocolate in the stomach and reduce the absorption of this chocolate.

Intravenous fluid support helps eliminate the toxic components from the urine/bladder and reduce this absorption. In severe cases or chocolate toxicity, a urinary catheter may be required.



**If you're concerned your pet has Chocolate Toxicity or has serious vomiting and diarrhoea please seek veterinary attention early. Our team of amazing veterinarians are available 24/7 for any emergencies when your vet is not available. Feel free to call us if you aren't sure you should see a veterinarian or not, and our team can assist you.**



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