



# FOODS TO AVOID

Common foods can have very different effects on dogs than they do on us. The following are some groups of foods that should never be offered to your dog, as they can cause big problems.

## DANGEROUS FOODS TO NEVER GIVE YOUR DOG

### ▶ **Chocolate**

- Cocoa is toxic for dogs. The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous the toxic dose
- It can cause overstimulation of your dog's nervous system and lead to seizures, convulsions, hyperactivity or even death.

### ▶ **Macadamia Nuts**

- Macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs and can cause muscle spasms, incoordination, and collapse.

### ▶ **Mushrooms**

- Some types of mushrooms can be toxic for dogs.

### ▶ **Onion and Garlic**

- Onions and garlic contain chemicals that damage a dog's red blood cells and can lead to anaemia
- This can lead to lethargy and even death.

### ▶ **Grapes and Raisins**

- Even a small amount can cause kidney failure.

### ▶ **Fatty Foods**

- Can lead to vomiting and diarrhoea or painful inflammation of the pancreas called pancreatitis
- Not only is this extremely painful but, in some cases, complications can develop and lead to death.

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## OTHER CONCERNS

- ▶ **Mouldy Food**
  - Can contain harmful bacteria and toxins that can cause severe gastroenteritis
- ▶ **Compost/ Fertilizer**
  - Can be toxic to dogs
  - Ensure that compost bin is secure and fertiliser is stored in a secure container
- ▶ **Foreign Bodies (i.e. corn cobs, skewers, string)**
  - Can get stuck in the intestines or puncture through the intestines causing severe enteritis and may require surgery to remove
- ▶ **Human Drugs**
  - Some may taste sweet to dogs, and can be toxic in much smaller amounts
- ▶ **Tobacco**
  - Can cause elevated heart rate and seizures



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