



# Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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## Chocolate Toxicity In Animals

As we head into the holiday season, we would like to remind everyone of the harm chocolate can cause in our pets. The active ingredient in chocolate is actually theobromine and varies in amount depending on the chocolate. Baking chocolate in small amounts has higher concentrations of theobromine than does dark or milk chocolate. Depending on the amount and type of chocolate ingested, animals may develop signs of toxicity like loss of appetite, anxiety, vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst, urination and heart rate, lethargy, tremors and potential death. Ingestion of 0.9 oz of milk chocolate and less than 0.09 oz. of baking (unsweetened) chocolate per pound of dog's weight is potentially lethal. If you suspect your pet has ingested chocolate, seek professional help as soon as possible. We're located at **1055 Grass Valley Hwy.**, and our number is **530-885-1919**. Make sure you know the type of chocolate and approximately how much was available.

P.S. Cocoa mulch (used around plants outside) has theobromine as an ingredient and can cause harm if ingested.



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