

Henlow Veterinary Hospital

TOXIC FOODS

At Henlow Veterinary Hospital we know about the toxic and harmful foods that can be fatal for our pets.

CHOCOLATE

Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine which is a preservative and is poisonous to dogs, cats and most other animals including rabbits and rodents.

The darker the chocolate and higher the cocoa content the more toxic it is. This also includes dry cocoa powder or drinking chocolate powder.



COOKED BONES & MEAT

Cooked bones can be very dangerous as can shatter and splinter and can cause dangerous internal injuries.

It is also not advisable to feed your pets fatty foods that they aren't used to, as this can lead to causing them a very serious condition pancreatitis.

GRAPES, CURRENTS, RAISINS & MACADAMIA NUTS

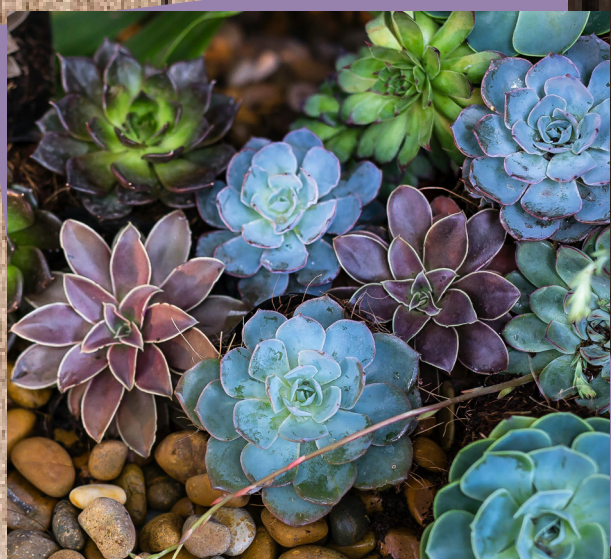
Raisins, currants, saltanas, grapes and macadamia nuts are toxic to both dogs and cats and it is unknown why and what quantity is poisonous.

Some pets can have a large amount with no effect and others can be very sick after just eating one.



ONIONS, GARLIC, CHIVES & LEEKS

Onions, garlic, chives, and leeks belong in the Allium family, and are poisonous to both dogs and cats. Garlic is considered to be about five times as toxic as onions for cats and dogs. Onion and garlic poisoning results in gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhoea), and more seriously, damage to the red blood cells leading to symptoms of anaemia.



PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Several plants are toxic to pets, this can include the flowers themselves the bulbs and even, with daffodils and lilies the water from vases that they are in.

While many plants will cause mild problems, such as a stomach upset, some can cause much more serious symptoms in your pet as can be highly toxic or even life threatening – these include:

Autumn Crocus, Azalea/Rhododendron, Cotoneaster, Cordyline/Dracaena, Daffodil, Dumbcane, Horse Chestnut, Oak, Lilies, Potato plants and Yew.

XYLITOL

Xylitol is a common sugar substitute which can be found in lots of sugar free foods for humans such as chewing gum, diabetic cakes and peanut butter, but is toxic to dogs.

It can cause blood sugar levels to plummet as well as liver damage, and even small amounts can be fatal so early veterinary intervention is crucial

