

# Can you feed your dog chocolate?

You can.... if you wish your dog to vomit, fell into a coma or die. This sweet and tasty killer is actually poison for animals with slow digestion. I do not mean generally bad for your health, but an actual poison. It contains a substance called theobromine and it comes from cocoa seeds. It can cause vomiting, convulsions, diarrhoea and death.

“But Peter! I want to feed my dog some chocolate because it is his birthday.” you may complain (although if you do, then I must say that you are a rather strange person). 250 – 500 mg per kg of body weight can be lethal and as a rule, the darker is chocolate, the more it contains theobromine. So if you have a smaller and lighter dog, it won't take much to kill that precious angel with a sweet weapon of darkness (dark chocolate).

When we, humans, eat chocolate we process theobromine much faster than dogs do (or cats for example). Theobromine makes our heartbeat faster and it also gives us a lot of energy, which isn't soo bad. But if there is too much of this substance, our body “can't handle it” any longer and it starts to collapse. Dogs process theobromine much slower, so they can accumulate it a lot more. Plus, they are less used to its effects than we are. This is possible because humans through our evolution ate a lot more plants. Next time when you think that your dog deserves a piece of chocolate as an award, please, stop and rethink your life. Because you plan to torture your dog with the sweet pain of chocolate which can even kill him. Instead, give your dog a delicious piece of meat!

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