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Don't Miss Our Next Club Event...

Dog Days of Summer Cavalier Fun Day



Games & Fun!

Please bring a dish to share and a chair to enjoy time with other Cavalier Lovers. We will be INSIDE with a/c.



Date: Aug 23rd, Saturday

Time: 11:00 -1:00

Place: DoLittle's Training Room
221 Windermere Blvd,
Windermere Plaza, West Ashley

Please RSVP. For more information
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Cavalier Shout Out....

Congratulations to Glenn Richmond for finishing his blenheim, Jasmine – Ch. Harmony Canterbury Tails.

Jasmine received the final points needed for her championship from breeder-judge Cathy Gish.

Jasmine is a Very Pretty Girl!!
Glenn - A job well done on your hard work and extra efforts.



Please Be Cautious

There are only a few documented cases of dogs being poisoned by cocoa bean mulch, but it is still worth issuing the caution. Some brands now are listed as being Pet Safe having the theobromine removed. Be careful and keep your pets in mind when choosing landscaping products.

Cocoa Bean Mulch

[Holly Nash, DVM, MS](#)

Veterinary Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc. <http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?cls=2&cat=1684&articleid=3410>

Toxin

Theobromine, caffeine

Source

Cocoa mulch used for landscaping. Cocoa bean shell mulch products have an attractive odor and smell, and some dogs will eagerly eat large amounts of the mulch.



General Information

Caffeine and theobromine have an effect on animals similar to that on people. They increase the breathing and heart rate, sometimes causing irregular beating of the heart. They cause restlessness because of the changes at the cellular level with calcium and energy sources. Caffeine also directly stimulates the **myocardium** and **central nervous system**.

Toxic Dose

Symptoms occur with the ingestion of 45 mg of theobromine per pound of body weight. Theobromine deaths have been reported after ingestion of 52 mg per pound of body weight. Cocoa bean mulch contains 0.19%-2.98% theobromine (54 - 847 mg/oz). In comparison, milk chocolate contains 44 mg/oz. and unsweetened baking chocolate contains 390 mg/oz. Caffeine is toxic at about 63 mg per pound of body weight.

Signs

Common signs include vomiting, diarrhea, panting, hyperactivity, restlessness, **ataxia**, muscle tremors, increased or decreased heart rate, irregular heart rhythm, increased body temperature. **Seizures**, **coma**, or death may occur. Less frequent symptoms include abdominal pain and blood in the urine.

Immediate Action

Induce vomiting and seek veterinary attention.

Veterinary Care

General treatment: The induction of vomiting may be continued, **gastric lavage** is performed, and **activated charcoal** is administered.

Supportive treatment: **IV** fluids are given to prevent dehydration and to induce urine production. The heart rate and rhythm are monitored, and medications are given if necessary. The animal is monitored and treated for **hyperthermia**. Seizures are treated. The urinary bladder may need to be catheterized to prevent reabsorption of the toxin.

Specific treatment: Unavailable.

Prognosis

Usually recover with hospitalization and aggressive therapy. May be fatal if enough of the toxin is absorbed.

A Pet's Ten Commandments....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.

2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.

3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.

4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.



5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.

7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.



8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.



9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.

10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

ALWAYS! ~ Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters.

~ Now please pass this on to other pet owners. We do not have to wait for Heaven, to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here on earth and has four legs!



AMEN



From Stormi, the editor. In loving memory of our wonderful non-cavalier. Sugar-Sweet Jumbo **Shay** 4/22/03 - 8/2/08
You are free to run in the clouds and over the rainbow bridge. You will always be loved & missed!

