

Puppy Love

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Good Morning

If you are a coffee connoisseur you probably crave that first cup every morning, and you might be one of those individuals who keeps it going all day long. But, you may not be aware that dogs are more sensitive to caffeine than humans, and that coffee is extremely poisonous to dogs. Just a few sips can make a dog very sick, but can be deadly to a small dog like a miniature dachshund. Dogs are naturally curious creatures, always looking for treats wherever they can find them, and the abandoned dark brew might look very enticing to a treat lover. And even more deadly are coffee grounds, coffee beans, and chocolate-covered espresso beans. Take the time to develop a safe habit of disposing all coffee products so your dog can not get into the toxic food we so enjoy. If a dog becomes caffeinated emergency treatment provided by a veterinarian is crucial. If it had only been a few hours since your dog consumed caffeine the vet may induce vomiting so a dog will not continue to absorb the toxin. (Never induce vomiting on your own.) Another treatment is to administer activated charcoal, just like we do for human poisonings, trapping toxins in the gut to prevent absorption into the bloodstream. The major medical goal for the dog's health is to flush toxins out of a dog's body and the vet may administer fluids as an additional treatment. In severe cases, the veterinarian might administer medications to control heart rate, tremors, and seizures. Fortunately, most dogs will survive caffeine poisoning if treatment is administered soon after consumption. And don't forget that tea and soda also contain caffeine.

Signs of Caffeine Poisoning

You will observe symptoms of caffeine poisoning within 30 to 60 minutes after consumption. Call your vet ASAP for treatment.

- *Agitation
- *Restlessness
- *Vomiting
- *Panting
- *Elevated heart rate
- *Elevated blood pressure
- *Abnormal heart rhythms
- *Hyperthermia



Brothers, Chip and Marley, are home in Kentucky being loved by their best buds who are also twins.

According to the Pet Poison Help Line...

COVID has caused a 220 percent increase in calls involving brewed coffee over the past year; primarily due to COVID stress and staying home more. This hotline can help you locate the nearest emergency facility and walk you through first-aid measures. **855-213-6680**



In 700 AD, Kaldi, an Ethiopian goat herder, stumbled on his goats acting quite strange, they were dancing! He discovered they were eating red berries from a large evergreen bush and concluded that this fruit was the cause of their odd behavior. By the 1550's coffee had spread across Africa and the Arabian Peninsula and it only took another three hundred years for this magic brew to become a world commodity.