

# CHOCOLATE TOXICITY

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Hyperactivity
- Tremors
- Seizures
- Racing heart rhythm progressing to abnormal rhythms
- Death in severe cases

Toxic doses of theobromine are 9 mg per pound of dog for mild signs, up to 18 mg per pound of dog for severe signs. Milk chocolate contains 44 mg / ounce of theobromine while semisweet chocolate contains 150 mg per ounce, and baking chocolate contains 390 mg per ounce.

It takes nearly 4 days for the effects of chocolate to work its way out of a dog's system. If the chocolate was only just eaten, it is possible to induce vomiting; otherwise, hospitalization and support are needed until the chocolate has worked its way out of the system.

<b>Number of OUNCES of CHOCOLATE a Pet Would Need to Ingest for TOXICITY</b>													
<b>Weight of Pet in Pounds</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Milk Chocolate (ounces)</b>	2	4	6	8.2	10.2	12.3	16.4	20.5	24.5	28.6	32.7	36.8	41
<b>Dark Chocolate (ounces)</b>	0.7	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.2	5.5	6.9	8.3	9.7	11	12.5	13.8
<b>Baking Chocolate (ounces)</b>	0.23	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.6