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Fact Sheet

Is it Good to Give My Dog a Little Wine?

Question:

If drinking wine is supposedly good for our cardiovascular system, does giving my dog grapes do the same thing for him?

Answer:

Unfortunately, large amounts of grapes or raisins can prove deadly to your dog. The [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) (APCC) began a study after receiving a large number of reports of dogs developing kidney failure after eating large quantities of grapes and raisins. Veterinary toxicologists found that all dogs in the reports showed signs of vomiting within 6 hours of eating from 9 ounces to 2 pounds of grapes or raisins. Other signs included diarrhea, anorexia (loss of appetite), lethargy, abdominal pain, and kidney failure. Treatment with intravenous fluids and other medications only resulted in recovery of about half of the cases. The other half did not recover. The causative agents or disease processes are not yet understood.

If your dog does accidentally eat a large volume of grapes or raisins, call your veterinarian immediately or call the APCC 24-hour emergency hotline at:

(888) 4-ANI-HELP (888-426-4435)