

# SHOULD DOGS EAT PEANUT BUTTER?



Peanut butter can be a tasty treat for your pooch. But beware: not all peanut butter is made the same and certain brands contain xylitol, an artificial sweetener, that is harmful — and even fatal — to your dog.

## THE DANGERS OF XYLITOL

Xylitol is a sugar substitute and is especially beneficial for people with diabetes. However, the same is not true for dogs. If a dog consumes xylitol, it can cause:



**RAPID DROP IN  
BLOOD SUGAR**

**DIARRHEA**

**SEIZURES**

**LIVER FAILURE**

**DEATH**

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG INGESTS XYLITOL

If you believe your dog consumed a product containing xylitol or is displaying the symptoms of xylitol ingestion:

- 1 GET YOUR PUP TO YOUR VET OR PET EMERGENCY ROOM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**
- 2 TRY RUBBING CORN SYRUP OR MAPLE SYRUP ON THEIR GUMS TO TEMPORARILY RAISE BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS**
- 3 BRING THE PACKAGE OR SUSPECT PRODUCT WITH YOU TO THE VET OR PET EMERGENCY ROOM**

**WATCH OUT FOR INGREDIENTS CONTAINING THE LETTERS  
“XYL,” A SYNONYM FOR XYLITOL, INCLUDING:**

- **1,4-ANHYDRO-D-XYLITOL**
- **ANHYDROXYLITOL**
- **D-XYLITOL**
- **XYLITE**
- **XYLITYLGLUCOSIDE**



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