

# Grapes & Raisins

## TOXIC TO DOGS!

The ASPCA-run Animal Poison Control Center is working hard to get the word out to people that raisins and grapes are toxic to dogs.

This is a relatively recent revelation, one that is painfully close to my heart since I personally had a healthy, young 70-lb male Irish setter die of complete kidney failure within 24 hours of eating raisins (he ate a 14 oz box he snuck out of my grocery bag). I just got off the phone with them, providing them what data I could for their database and they were very grateful and were wonderful to work with.

They asked me to do two things, which I ask your help with as well:

1. Tell everyone about this!! Many of us have used grapes as treats for our dogs. This is now known to be dangerous.
2. Encourage anyone who is quite sure they've had a death caused by this to contact the center and provide the details.

They've even had some owners who contacted them very shortly after the death to allow the center to get tissue samples for study. The number to call is the same as the poison hotline: 1-888-4-ANIHELP (yes there's an extra digit there but never mind-this will help you remember the number). They do charge for immediate crisis poison counseling, but do NOT charge people (of course) who call to provide information about a case, and they are grateful for the data.



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