

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM VET.....PLEASE READ

**Subject:** Toxic Mulch

I hope you will pass this on to all your dog and cat owner friends. Coca mulch which is sold by Home Depot and other garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called "Theobromine" that is toxic to dogs and cats if eaten. Because coca mulch containing theobromine smells like chocolate, it really attracts dogs and some cats. They can ingest this ingredient through the coca bean shells and seizure and die within 17 hours if eaten to toxic levels. Theobromine which is the ingredient that is used to make chocolate---especially dark or bakers chocolate is known to be toxic to dogs and cats. There is no antidote and imediate induction of vomiting is helpful.

I will post the rest of this information on our bulletin board. You will most likely hear more on this subject alerted in the news in the near future as veterinarians find this toxicity on the increase in their clients' pets and more deaths reported.

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