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- > Xylitol (an ingredient in gum and mints) can kill
- > dogs. I am copying the e-mail that was sent to me
- > from someone whose dog died after eating mints from
- > her purse. I checked snopes and there is nothing
- > there, BUT on the ASPCA website it does confirm the
- > following:

1. http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_news082106

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- > Dear Family and Friends:
- > I am sending out this email in the hopes that the
- > information I am about to give will help many
- > people.

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- 2. On Sunday night John & I had to put down our beloved
- > Chocolate Lab mix, Tara, as she suddenly for no
- > apparent reason started to have seizures and then
- > became comatose. It was not until the next
- > evening during a conversation with our own vet that
- > I mentioned to her that I found a empty container of
- > Xylitol breath mints in the back yard which she had
- > chewed into and eaten all the mints, our vet gasped
- > and said that Xylitol is deadly for animals.
- > Apparently, it causes their blood sugar level to
- > drop rapidly, they become hypoglycemic, liver
- > failure and various other symptoms among which were
- > the ones I just mentioned. She told us that they
- > have been seeing this over the past year when
- > Xylitol started showing up in our foods it was in
- > Europe before this. It is a sugarless substitute,
- > which normally I never use, but it is supposedly
- > good for humans protecting teeth (it is in
- > toothpaste) lowering glucose all sorts of things, it
- > is used for cooking, one dog died after eating 4
- > cupcakes that had icing on them containing Xylitol.
- > Unfortunately, labeling cannot read dangerous for
- > animals...it can say 'not recommended for animals'
- > which was not on this packaging but is going to be
- > in the future (I spoke with the company that makes
- > the mints). I do not know if it is on all products
- > containing Xylitol. If you need confirmation on
- > this check with your vet.
- > The purpose of this email is to send it on to as
- > many people as possible so that the word is out as
- > to the danger of the drug.

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- >Other foods that are deadly to animals are:
- > chocolate; grapes; raisins; macadamia nuts; onions;
- > garlic and alcohol (some people actually give their
- > dogs beer). Thank you, everyone for doing this,
- > maybe our loss will help others.