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## Allergy Testing



[bmslab.com](http://bmslab.com)

## Canine & Feline Foods



[walthamusa.com](http://walthamusa.com)



[purinaveterinarydiets.com](http://purinaveterinarydiets.com)

## Groomer, Bonnie



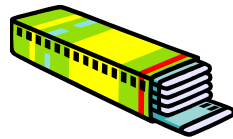
Bonnie is a Graduate of the Pargon School of Dog Grooming. She has worked for several years and specializes in breed specific cuts to individual custom cuts. Call today to schedule your companion animal's day at the spa!

## Sugar-Free Gum and Snacks can be Deadly for Dogs

The culprit is a sweetener called xylitol. Just two sticks of sugarless gum can be fatal for a 20-pound dog, and a single sugar-free pudding cup can spell trouble for a 90-pounder. But those numbers can be misleading because some brands of gum or candy contain no xylitol, while others contain relatively large amounts. Even within a single brand, the level of xylitol can vary from flavor to flavor and batch to batch.



If you know or suspect your dog has ingested foods that may contain xylitol, call our clinic immediately. Blood sugar levels plummet within 30 to 60 minutes resulting in energy deficit so the brain cannot function well. Dogs may vomit, become lethargic, disorientated, have seizures, and possibly die. Surviving dogs can develop liver damage. Blood sugar levels need to be monitored and sugar replacement must occur until safe levels have been restored.



So if you are a fan of sugar-free products, check the labels to see whether they contain xylitol. Then do your best to keep your dog pal away from xylitol containing products.



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