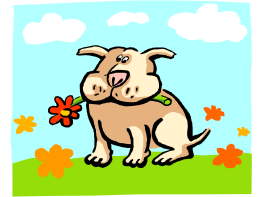




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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's Spring, and like the bulbs in the ground and the buds on trees, the ODPa is pushing forward. In February, we presented a brief status update to the City Council. Several of the council members appeared surprised with the number of patrons the park receives. Each council member received an orange folder with copies of past newsletters and a flier for the March fundraiser at Tutto Fresco.

The existing Cooperative Agreement with the City, which outlines the terms of the license to use the dog park land and the responsibilities of the City and the ODPa, expires in June. However, as the existing agreement allows, the ODPa has requested a renewal for another 5-year term. Once the City has completed a draft agreement, the City and the ODPa board will meet for discussion. I am confident we will have a new agreement finalized by June. Please keep in mind, that an integral piece of the success of the park is YOU, the patrons. PLEASE adhere to park rules, PLEASE pick up after your dog, and PLEASE be respectful of other patrons (canine and human).

The board would like to have a small 5-year anniversary celebration in early June. We envision the event to be a "thank you" to the volunteers and patrons that have supported and used the park in the past years. More information to come as plans develop. Thank you, *Margaret*



## REGISTER YOUR CLUB CARDS



The Orange Dog Park Association is proud to announce we are participating in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program and the Food 4 Less Community Rewards Program. Simply register your Ralphs or Food 4 Less Club Card online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or [www.food4less.com](http://www.food4less.com), ODPa # **82862**, swipe it at the register and up to 4% of your purchases will be applied to the ODPa account. It's that simple!

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## WISH LIST

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A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself ~Josh Billings



## Keep your pets safe

(Adapted from Orange County Animal Care Services, *Critter Chronicles*, Sept. 2007 Volume 3, Issue 1)

It is not easy resisting the urge to give your dog a treat from your dinner plate. However, for the safety of your pet, it is best not to give in. Every year thousands of animals get severely ill and even die after eating food or products not intended for them. The following is a list of some of the most common and potentially dangerous products found around the home.

**Alcohol** – it might seem funny to see a small dog lap up a beer, but they have a much smaller body to absorb the alcohol. This can cause coma and even death.

**Avocado** – an enzyme in any part of the fruit, pit or plant can cause a fluid accumulation in the lungs, heart, or abdomen causing difficulty breathing.

**Bones** – poultry and fish bones may cause obstruction in the throat or splinter after being chewed and lacerate the throat or digestive organs. Cooked beef, mutton, and pork bones can also splinter and cause problems. "Safe" bones or substitutes are available at most pet supply stores.

**Caffeine** – coffee, coffee grounds, and brewed tea or tea leaves can over-stimulate the central nervous system causing vomiting, heart palpitations, and death.

**Chocolate** – contains theobromine or theophylline which is toxic to dogs and cats. Dark chocolate is more dangerous, yet any chocolate can cause seizures or comas any may be fatal. One ounce of chocolate is enough to kill a 30lb. dog. Contact a veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pet ingested chocolate.

**Fruit seeds and pits** – such as cherry, peach, apricot, plum, and apple contain cyanide which is poisonous to pets.

**Grapes and Raisins** – a single human serving of either of these can cause kidney failure and death for your pet. **Macadamia nuts** – contain a toxin that attacks the digestive, nervous, and muscle systems. Symptoms include weakness, muscle tremors, and paralysis.

**Onions and Garlic** – the sulfoxides and disulfides in these foods damage red blood cells and cause anemia. Onion and garlic powder is also to be avoided.

**Tobacco** – the same nicotine that is harmful to humans adversely affects the digestive and nervous system of animals. Because most pets have smaller body masses, even small amounts can be fatal.

**Walnuts** – the meat and shell are poisonous to dogs.

**Xylitol** – many human diet products contain this artificial sweetener. This chemical can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar leading to loss of coordination, seizures, and death.

**Yeast Dough** – dough prepared for foods such as pizza and bread may expand and produce gas in the digestive system. If untreated, the expanded dough and gas could rupture the stomach or intestines.

If you have questions about symptoms you are seeing in your pet, or think it may have eaten something it should not have, contact a veterinarian immediately. Delaying treatment could result in more serious complications or death. Factors such as the size of your pet and amount of the item ingested may determine if it will be a bad case of diarrhea or require emergency treatment. Keeping your pet safe requires some diligence and planning on your part. Animals, especially puppies and kittens, can be like human toddlers, getting into what you don't want them too. If it is not something you would give a child, do not give to a pet.

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