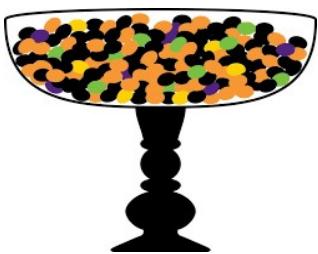


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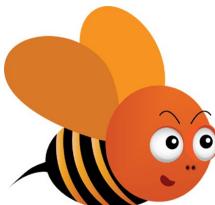


My Bowl Runneth Over...

Xylitol is a natural sugar type alcohol found in the birch tree and several kinds of fruit. The ingestion of xylitol-containing products causes a rapid release of the hormone *insulin*, causing a sudden decrease in a dog's blood glucose level. Sugar free gum is 70% pure xylitol, regular chewing gum, candies, toothpastes, mouthwashes, pudding, jello, and baked goods are all suspect to contain xylitol. Over 6,000 cases of xylitol poisoning are reported every year, and it is deadly. Reaction to xylitol substances can take as little as 15-30 minutes resulting in coma, internal bleeding and liver shutdown. Please, don't assume xylitol products in packages are safe, they are not. A dog can still smell the enticing sweetness of these wrapped, dangerous food products and will aggressively root them out and consume them. Just two pieces of gum can be lethal for your little doxie. Get to a vet ASAP. The ASPCA poison hotline for pets is: 888-426-4435.



Finnegan is all decked out for Halloween at USC where reportedly he is loved by everyone he meets.



It's ALL a BUZZ

There are over 700 consumer products with labels identifying xylitol in its contents, but there are many more products that have not been identified as containing this additive. Manufacturers have created consumer appealing "buzz" words to attract consumers to use their products. Always check labels, and be especially cautious of products that have eye appealing "buzz" words on the front label. Look out for:

- *All Natural-no Sugar Added
- *No Artificial Sweeteners
- *Naturally Sweetened
- *Safe for Sugar-Controlled Diets
- *Low Carbohydrate
- *Low Calorie
- *Safe for Diabetics
- *Sweetened with Birch Sugar
- *Sugar Free
- *Reduced Sugar
- *100% Natural
- *Aspartame Free



What About US?

Xylitol is a sweetener that's gaining in popularity because of its dental benefits for people as well as its suitability as a sugar substitute for people with diabetes. Because of its ability to help prevent cavities and tooth decay and its low glycemic index, xylitol may have some good dental and other health benefits for people. Research shows xylitol even helps prevent ear infections in children. Unfortunately, while xylitol appears to be perfectly safe for people, it is extremely dangerous for dogs — even in small quantities.