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Mushroom Poisoning

Now that the rains have come and spring is here, lots of things are growing.

Mushrooms are one of the things that are sprouting up all over and that is not necessarily a good thing.

Mushroom poisoning occurs as a result of ingesting toxic mushrooms, which is a common hazard for dogs because of the amount of time they spend outdoors or in wooded areas.



One of the most common mushroom in our area is the Death Cap mushroom. They emit a fish-like odor as they decay, making them particularly tempting to dogs and their noses. Signs of Death Cap poisoning develop between 6 and 20 hours after ingestion.

It is sometimes difficult to identify what type of mushroom your dog has consumed, you should always bring the suspected mushroom with you when you take your dog to Adobe Animal Hospital.



Symptoms and Types of Mushroom Poisoning in Dogs

Symptoms vary greatly depending on the type of mushroom ingested. The following are some of the more common symptoms associated with mushroom poisoning:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Weakness
- Lethargy
- Yellowing of the skin (jaundice)
- Uncoordinated movements
- Excessive drooling (ptyalism)
- Seizures
- Coma

Unfortunately, once the symptoms appear, it can be too late for your dogs. That's why prevention and early detection are key in protecting your pet from mushroom poisoning. Often times, early diagnosis and treatment has a positive outcome. The good news is that the vast majority of mushrooms are non-toxic. 99% of mushrooms have little to no toxicity.

Diagnosis of Mushroom Poisoning in Dogs

We will perform a complete physical examination as well as a complete blood count, biochemistry profile, and urinalysis -- the results of which may reveal abnormally low blood glucose levels (hypoglycemia) and abnormally high levels of liver enzymes due to liver damage.

Protect Your Dog from Mushrooms

The best way to keep your dog safe from mushrooms is to avoid them all together. Remove mushrooms from your yard as soon as they pop up. When on walks and hikes, keep a close eye on your dogs to see if they eat anything suspicious. Learn the signs of poisoning and be prepared to get to the Adobe Animal Hospital of Soquel or the emergency clinic as soon as possible in the event of mushroom ingestion.

Find out more information on [mushrooms that are poisonous to dogs](#).

For More Information:

https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/digestive/c_dg_mushroom_poisoning

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