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Bones, Bones, Bones

Most pet parents think it is a good thing to share left over bones from meals with their dog. It seems logical since a dog's distant cousin, the wolf, routinely chews on bones as part of its normal diet. In addition, bone chewing should promote healthy teeth and gums. And last, but not least, we know our little doxie would love the treat of chewing on that ole bone.

Unfortunately, none of the above reasons is a good case for you to have a little "doxie bone chewer."

Bones do not break down easily which means that your doxie will have to pass bones through her stool. This can lead to serious impaction or constipation, and a visit to the vet.

On an even more serious note, bones can get lodged in a little doxie's mouth or throat, also a cause for a vet visit, and probably sedation for your dog.

Often times, chicken and turkey bones can be the cause of the most critical situations. These bones are quite dangerous because they are fragile and splinter easily. They can perforate the mouth, throat, intestines and colon causing internal trauma. And a guaranteed trip to the vet.

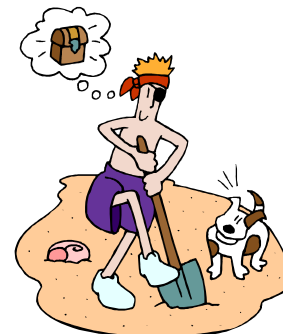
Symptoms are: struggling to breathe, pawing at the mouth, straining to go to the bathroom, bloody diarrhea, lack of appetite, and vomiting.



Ruby at home with her new family in Puerto Rico.

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons." *Will Rogers*

Did You Know?



Many, many years ago when dogs were wild they had to hunt and kill for their food. Sometimes they caught an animal that was too big to eat all at one time. In order to save their leftovers they would bury them so no other animal could take their food.

Just a few years ago a man was walking on a beach with his dog and they found an axe that had been buried for 550,000 years. It is the oldest man-made object ever found in northern Europe.

So whether it is now or thousands of years ago dogs still love to dig ~ sometimes to find treasure and sometimes to hide what they treasure.