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MO-KAN PET PARTNERS

"Yes, you can. If you put your mind to it, you can do it"

Joan Kemp



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<http://www.mo-kanpetpartners.org>

- 1) Mo-Kan is in need of a lightweight wheelchair to use during our evaluations. If you know anyone that has one for sale, please contact Sue Manning at cmanning1@kc.rr.com. We can't pay a lot for one, but are hoping someone has one or knows someone that would be willing to sell for a reasonable price or perhaps even donate to us.
- 2) The new membership form and the renewal form will now contain a link to the website for Mo-Kan's Constitution and By-Laws. The form has the member agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and we needed to make the link more readily available.

3) Message from Shirley May, R.E.A.D. Coordinator

R.E.A.D Membership.

I will be attending the R.E.A.D. Conference in Atlanta, GA. on Feb. 16th-21. Mo-Kan has been gracious and has helped defray the expenses with \$400. Thank you.

I will be representing Mo-Kan at the Conference. If any of you have concerns, questions, or suggestions about the Mo-Kan R.E.A.D Program, that you would like addressed, please send them to me. I would be most happy to present them to the R.E.A.D. panel.

Send to maymayluvsdals@sbcglobal.net and to the Mo/Kan board.

Thanks,
Shirley May

4) PLEASE read and pass along.....The very last paragraph is crucially important.

Written by:
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This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1 AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7 AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 & 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At that point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care. He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values continued to increase daily. He produced

urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk.

Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern. Onions, chocolate, cocoa, avocados and macadamia nuts can be fatal, too..

Confirmation from Snopes about the above

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/raisins..asp>

5) Hope everyone is staying warm and if you MUST be out, be safe. Another reminder, a lot of the "ice melt" that is used is NOT good for your pet partners paws. Please use caution and take wipes to attend their paws if you are unsure as to whether or not the ice melt is "Paws Safe"....