

To the Rescue

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Cocoa a no-no for all types of dog

**PET VET
DR JULIE SANDERSON**



A GOOD many dog owners have heard that chocolate is bad for dogs but it's also quite easy to meet people who persist in giving their dog chocolate on the basis that it doesn't seem to cause any harm.

There is no chocolate that is good for dogs. They shouldn't be given chocolate in any form. Even a small amount of it will cause some damage in the body - a low-grade poisoning - but perhaps at very small amounts the effects are mild enough to pass unnoticed by owners and cause only transient problems for the dog.

As with many poisons, the effects are dose-related, so the size of the dog matters and so does the kind of chocolate as well as the amount consumed.

Dark, semi-sweet chocolate and cocoa powder, the sort used for baking, contains more of the dangerous ingredients than milk chocolate.

Dogs need to eat much less of the high-grade chocolate as they do of the lolly-packet variety to become seriously ill.

These days it's much easier to get your hands on really potent chocolate.

Chocolates that are rich in high-quality cocoa were once mainly sold as a cooking ingredient or processed and packaged up as a fancy and expensive treat. This meant chocolate poisoning was usually restricted to Easter and Christmas.

Now, supermarket shelves hold a variety of much higher grade chocolate which poses a greater poisoning risk to dogs than the lolly-packet variety.

The higher the levels of cocoa present, the more dangerous it is for dogs. Unfortunately, cooking the chocolate doesn't seem to alter anything, so rich chocolate cakes, icings and biscuits made with cocoa powder are all out.

When they are picked, cocoa beans are naturally high in caffeine and an active ingredient called theobromine, both of which are still present in chocolate when you buy it.

Theobromine causes vomiting, diarrhoea, a racing heart and nervous system signs such as tremors, seizures and anxiety.

Dogs can and do die of chocolate poisoning. One of the bad things about this poison is that the dogs tend to make it last even longer. They recycle the theobromine by reabsorbing it from the bladder.

Perhaps the cells of the bladder mistake the drug for something useful but, for whatever reason, some of the theobromine is taken back into the body where it will prolong the effects of the poisoning.

If they eat chocolate, dogs require veterinary attention urgently.

It takes three or four days for the theobromine to finally leave the dog's body and, depending on how much they have consumed, they may need intensive medical treatment to survive.

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**BASIL
Fox Terrier**

PetRescue ID: 48847
Intelligent, independent, confident and clever, I prefer making my own decisions but will listen to you if you make a good case. At eight years of age, I have a more settled nature but am always happy to play.



**BOBBY
Maltese**

PetRescue ID: 48851
I'm a shy yet charming guy searching for a patient owner with a relaxed lifestyle. I'm looking for a little guidance to help me come out of my shell. Treat me sweet and kind and I'll blossom into a devoted friend.



**TOBY
Labrador X**

PetRescue ID: 48976
I know I'm adorable, so if you take me home you'd better be prepared for a cute puppy face whenever I make mischief. My foster parents say I'm going to be a big boy because I have big paws!

**BUDDIE
Staffy Bull Terrier X**

PetRescue ID: 48854
I think everything is fun and meant for play. Anything you do, I'll want to do too. I'm eager to please but a bit of a boof, so an older family would suit perfectly!



**COBY
Keeshond X**

PetRescue ID: 48721
How can you resist my face? I'm a quiet sort of guy but I have so much love to give. I'm affectionate and playful - and good with other dogs.



**ELLIE
Shar Pei**

PetRescue ID: 48405
I'm a happy-go-lucky girl who lives to please. I'm great at giving big, sloppy kisses! I have good indoor manners and would like to keep you company at home.



**PHOEBE
Pomeranian**

PetRescue ID: 48789
I am a sensitive little soul. Snuggly, intelligent and affectionate, I have a lot of love to give and am looking for a "forever" human who will care for me as I do for them. I am good on the lead and in the car and would best suit mature and loving "parents".



**GYPSY
Rottweiler X**

PetRescue ID: 48530
I'm a clever cookie, great on the lead and I can sit and shake when asked. Sweet and obedient, I'd make a good dog for a family that has the time to exercise me regularly. Come meet me and I'm sure you'll want to take me home!



**PADDY
Golden Retriever**

PetRescue ID: 48944
I'm a charmer: ever so cuddly with gorgeous golden locks. Being a bundle of energy, I'll need someone active and willing to include me in daily life. If you want a terrific twosome, check out my buddy Reiley (PetRescue ID: 48945).



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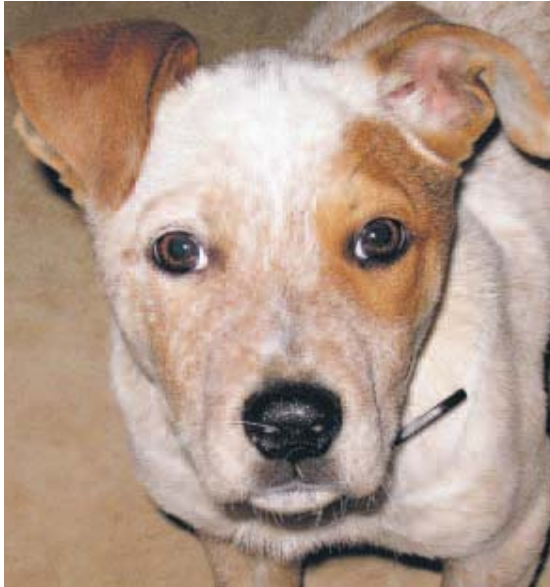
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PETS NEEDING A NEW HOME



▲ **Harry, ID 48978**

Harry is a happy, loving stumpy-tailed red heeler puppy with a gentle, playful nature. He gets along with other dogs well and is not bothered by cats. He loves a sleep by the heater, going for a walk and playing with other dogs.



▲ **Harry, ID 48590**

Harry the greyhound is a lovely, bouncy dog who enjoys running and playing. Harry gets a little startled by sudden noises, but would make a great companion to a younger owner without cats.



▲ **Katey, ID 45517**

Katey is a playful Australian terrier cross. At 12 months she is a pretty energetic pup, so needs games, walks and anything to keep her busy. She loves children and is also good with other dogs. Katey is learning some basic obedience, but will need more training and also brushing to maintain her beautiful coat.

How to save these dogs

■ Here's your chance to provide a new home for unwanted pets with the help of Pedigree and PetRescue, a not-for-profit organisation that brings together more than 450 rescue groups. PetRescue is Australia's only national, searchable, online directory of rescued animals and has saved more than 34,000 animals since 2004. For more details on any of these dogs, go to www.petrescue.com.au and enter the dog ID number.



▲ **Nemo, ID 46281**

Nemo is an energetic, intelligent, affectionate seven-month-old collie cross with the most stunning eyes. With training he'd make a wonderful pet, but needs exercise and company.



▲ **Jack, ID 30910**

Jack is a happy, confident staffy-heeler cross of only 11 months. He is affectionate and can keep himself amused for hours with his toys in the backyard. He is also keen on TV.

▶ **Summer, ID 48828**

Summer is a stunning tan and white beagle who is fully housetrained and has grown up with children and other dogs. She will require secure fencing, daily exercise and interaction with her family.



▲ **Finn, ID 48658**

Finn is a handsome collie rough who loves a cuddle. He is an energetic dog, so a good-sized yard is preferable and he needs to go on daily walks.

▶ **Rita, ID 47201**

Rita is a very energetic little dog who loves to play fetch. She needs a loving family, a nice yard to run around in and a comfortable bed indoors to retire to when the fetching is done.



◀ **JJ, ID 48922**

JJ is an affectionate nine-month-old cross breed with a beautifully coloured coat. Since coming into care, he has learned about cats and small children, and gets along with them all. He is a real character. He loves his food so training should be simple.



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>Leichhardt
Mounting opposition

LEICHHARDT council staff have protested about working out of demountables for 17 years and are pushing for an upgrade of their administration building. More than 70 staff rallied outside a recent council meeting where United Services Union organiser Peter Kelly said staff had been working out of demountables for too long. The previous council set up a \$4.1 million fund to pay for the renovation of the building, but an additional \$2 million is required.

>Wingecarribee
Bike track shut down

WINGECARRIBEE Shire Council has shut down a popular motorbike and motocross track operating without permission in the Southern Highlands. The motorbike activities on Tugalong Station at Canyonleigh have continued all year — much to the chagrin of neighbours — despite warning letters from council. Last month, the owners were warned that if they didn't agree to stop operating they would end up in the Land and Environment Court.



Opposed: Shayne Mallard with Tim Tams and water

Clover's new Tim Tam war

By CARMEL MELOUNY

HAVING banned Tim Tams, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore is taking her fight for politically correct food to the rest of NSW.

The City of Sydney will press all the State's councils to adopt a sustainable food policy at their conference in October.

It would support local producers of sustainable food and promote such food through growers' markets, community gardens and education programs. It will note that importing food contributes to greenhouse gases.

The City of Sydney has banned chocolate biscuits in its offices because cocoa used to make them may be the product of child labour.

Also banned from City of Sydney meetings and events are meals containing eggs, fat-rich cakes, dairy desserts, bottled water and some fish species.

Foods that are allowed to be served include vegetables grown in the Sydney basin and the Hunter region, organic wines produced in NSW and approved fish

species such as blue-eye trevalla.

The council decided last week to submit a motion to this year's Local Government Association conference asking it to create a sustainable food policy.

Independent councillor John McInerney said the aim of the motion was for other councils to follow Sydney's food policies.

"I expect across-the-board support (from other councils)," he said. But Liberal councillor Shayne Mallard voted against taking what he called "radical green ideas" to the conference.

"Tim Tams were banned because of fears about child labour, but Arnotts have said their cocoa comes from a supplier who doesn't use child labour," he said.

"The policy isn't very specific, but essentially it involves banning chocolate, all chicken eggs, bacon, bottled water and other things."

"I support education and awareness, but I'm not a supporter of banning everything."

"Let people make their own choices — we're not in communist China."

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This week's dogs ...



BRANDY
TERRIER X

PetRescue ID: 48833

Brandy has a particularly sweet nature and is extremely affectionate. Like all puppies, she loves to play and would make a lovely companion to another playful pooch.



SARINA
GREYHOUND

PetRescue ID: 47487

Sarina is a happy, friendly girl who is great with other dogs and people. She is highly affectionate and would be a lovely addition to any home.



MURPHY
BORDER COLLIE

PetRescue ID: 48665

Murphy is a great boy. His social nature means that he is wonderful with both dogs and children. Make this beautiful purebred the latest member of your family.



SULLY
GREAT DANE

PetRescue ID: 48891

This 18 month-old gentle giant is a lovely, sweet-natured girl. She enjoys the company of other dogs and can be quite playful. Make Sully a part of your family today.



RUBY
AUST. CATTLE DOG

PetRescue ID: 48207

Ruby is an 8 month-old girl who would love to belong to someone with an active lifestyle. She is a beautiful dog who will make a loyal and devoted companion.



LUGHIE
GOLDEN RETRIEVER

PetRescue ID: 48872

Need more fun in your life? Lughie loves to romp and play all day. With that goofy grin, Lughie will be your best mate in no time at all.



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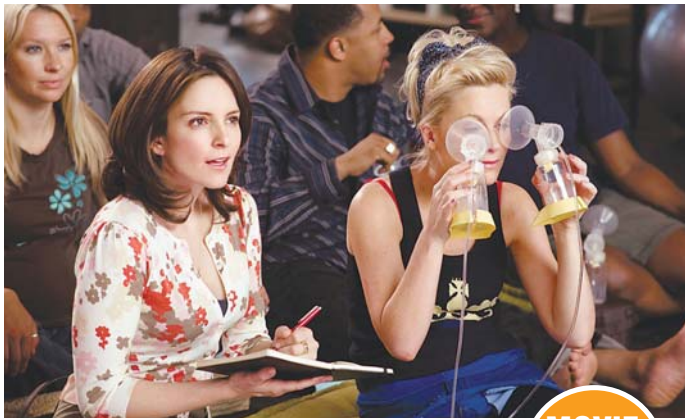


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Best on Foxtel



BABY MAMA
SUNDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME
COMEDY ★★★

The stars: Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Greg Kinnear, Sigourney Weaver.

The story: When single career woman Kate Holbrook is told she'll never have a baby, she recruits surrogate Angie from an agency to make her dream come true. Unlike most of Kate's well-managed strategies, this one very quickly begins to go pear-shaped. At heart a lightweight romcom, this flick succeeds on the merits of the double act comprising Fey, as the uptight and micro-managing Kate, and Poehler, as the extroverted new-ager Angie who is carrying more baggage than a baby on board. The leading ladies bounce off each other beautifully.

Verdict: It's not the mother of all comedies, but this chick flick has plenty of laughs.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

MOVIES

GET SMART
SUNDAY, 8PM, MOVIE ONE

The classic 1960s comedy about a bumbling secret agent and his coolly sexy sidekick gets a modern makeover, with Steve Carell as Maxwell Smart and Anne Hathaway as 99. Together they must save the world from the evil crime syndicate KAOS, with plenty of ludicrous situations and gags along the way. The pair's charm lifts an otherwise pointless exercise in nostalgia (go watch some of the original) to a pleasant enough diversion.

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE
DAILY EVERY 30 MINUTES, FOXTEL
BOX OFFICE

Discover just why Danny Boyle's magical tale from the mean streets of Mumbai left Hollywood's finest in its dust at the Oscars. You'll never forget the story of orphan Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), a teen accused of cheating on India's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. Flashbacks through

his life show just how he acquired his uncanny knowledge, culminating in a fabulous, feel-good finish.

THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY
WEDNESDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME

Heart-wrenching and powerful, this biopic tells the story of French writer Jean-Dominique Bauby, who awakes from a coma to be told he has "locked-in syndrome" – a rare condition in which his brain is working perfectly, but he is entirely paralysed, save for his left eyelid. With this last "window on the world", Bauby (Mathieu Amalric) painstakingly tells his story – one blink for yes, and two for no.

SMART PEOPLE
SATURDAY, 8PM, SHOWCASE

A brilliant but selfish professor (Dennis Quaid) gets an unexpected new chance at happiness when he winds up in hospital and falls for his doctor (Sarah Jessica Parker). But before he can start over, he must get his house in order and reconnect with his kids.

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CHILLI
KELPIE X

Petrescue ID: 48541

Chilli is a boisterous, happy young man who has loads of energy to burn. Super intelligent and ready to learn, he will be the perfect companion for an easygoing family.



PUDDLE
STAFFIE X

Petrescue ID: 48767

I'm just 9 weeks old but ready for my first ever home. I'm cute as a button and will grow up to be a beautiful girl full of love for the right family.



CASSIE
KELPIE X

Petrescue ID: 48772

I am a sweet and smoochy young lady with a happy friendly nature. I will make a lovely dog for an active family that will make me part of their lives and give me lots of exercise.



SHEEP
MALTESE X SHIH TZE

Petrescue ID: 48806

Sheep is a young Maltese cross with beautiful fluffy curls that make him look just like a sheep! This adorable lamb is looking for a family who can spoil him and he'll repay you with love.



JORDAN
JACK RUSSELL X

Petrescue ID: 48826

Jordan is a typical Jack Russell – an adorable and bouncy young boy who is easy to fall in love with. He has a playful personality, a great sense of fun, and loves company.



SALEE
KELPIE X

Petrescue ID: 48824

I am an energetic young lady who has a lovely sweet personality. I am looking for a family for lots of love, cuddles and I'd simply love accompanying you on a jog.

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