

## All Puppy Bulletin

Subject: Sugar Substitute

A common sugar substitute, xylitol, is poisonous to dogs. It is contained in mouthwashes, toothpaste and many sugar-free foods including gum and candy. It is sold in individual packets and one-pound bags for cooking. In dogs, xylitol causes rapid release of insulin which severely lowers the blood sugar level. Signs are weakness, uncoordinated movements, vomiting and seizures. If the amounts consumed are large, these symptoms can occur within 30 minutes. Lesser amounts can delay symptoms for 12 hours. If your puppy has consumed this product, contact your Region Coordinator immediately.