

- **A fluid drip** - depending on your pet's condition, they may need a fluid drip to support their vital organs while their body flushes out any toxins.

Outlook

With the right treatment, most pets make a full recovery, but it's important to act fast because in some cases, chocolate poisoning can be fatal if treatment is delayed.

Prevention

- Never feed chocolate to your pets (make sure any children in the house also know not to).
- Keep all chocolate, and chocolate containing products out of reach - store them in high or locked cupboards.
- Be particularly careful during Easter, Christmas and other events when there is likely to be lots of chocolate in the house.
- Avoid using gardening mulches that contain cocoa shell.

Cost

What an expensive snack! Treatment for chocolate poisoning can cost hundreds of pounds (depending on the treatment needed). Consider [insuring your pet](#) as soon as you get them (before any problems develop), to ensure you have the financial support you need if they become unwell. It's also very important to speak to your vet if you can't afford the treatment they have recommended because there may be other options.

Am I eligible for PDSA veterinary treatment?

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