

## **Safety Tips**

- Never lock your puppy/dog in a kennel or crate with a collar left on, especially with a charm attached to the collar
- Avoid high pet traffic areas such as dog parks, etc., with new puppies until they receive ALL of their vaccinations.
- Make sure house and outdoor plants and shrubs are pet safe.
- Use doggy steps and stools to prevent puppy from jumping off couches, beds, and any elevated area of your home, to avoid injury.
- If you change your puppy's food, do it gradually by mixing the old and the new together for several days to avoid stomach upset.
- Avoid giving your pet these foods:
  - Alcoholic beverages
  - Apple seeds

- Apricot pits
- Avocados
- Cherry pits
- Candy, particularly chocolate which is toxic to dogs, cats, and ferrets, as well as any candy or gum containing the sweetener Xylitol
- Coffee (grounds, beans, or chocolate-covered espresso beans
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Gum (can cause blockages and sugar-free gums may contain the toxic sweetener Xylitol)
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy foods
- Mushrooms
- Mustard seeds
- Onions and onion powder
- Peach pits
- Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves
- Salt
- Tea (contains caffeine)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Walnuts
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener that is toxic to pets)
- Yeast dough