



Have you ever tried a chocolate Easter egg?

Easter eggs are a popular Christian tradition dating back several thousand years. They are meant to represent resurrection and a new life.

In current Easter tradition, Easter eggs are shaped out of various kinds of chocolate and wrapped in colorful paper for people to enjoy during the holiday. Another variation of the Easter egg that is popular with children are the bright and colorful Easter eggs that are made of plastic and hollow inside. These eggs are most often used for Easter egg hunts when adults fill the eggs with small treats and hide the eggs outside in their garden or inside their house for their children to find.



Another fun Easter tradition is the dyeing and decorating of Easter eggs. Many people take time around Easter to boil eggs and decorate them with bright edible paint once they've cooled. Often times, the paint transfers through the egg's hard shell onto the egg itself inside. This makes for a fun and colorful treat once it's time to eat the boiled eggs.

Keeping your furry friends safe

When we're snacking on something we love, we might often find Fido the dog or Caramel the cat looking up at us forlornly, begging for some of the treat too. But a lot of human foods are unsafe for our companion animals. As a rule, pets must only be given veterinarian approved pet food and treats. Here are some examples of foods that are safe for us, but deadly for cats and dogs.



- a. Chocolate **X**
- b. Garlic **X**
- c. Onion **X**
- d. Sugar (or anything sweet that humans like) **X**
- e. Sweetener and sugar substitutes (this includes any items like chewing gum that contain artificial sweeteners that are poisonous to pets). **X**

Apart from keeping dangerous foods out of paws' reach, it's also important to keep away common household chemicals that are risky too – for example, floor and drain cleaners must be kept out of reach. Similarly, pets must not be able to access rodent repellents as they often consume things without knowing they are toxic.

Several species of plants are also poisonous to cats if their leaves are ingested – for example ferns, mistletoe, poison ivy, aloe, belladonna, buttercup, cherry, daffodil, tulip, tomato, rubber and flax fall in this list. If you have a pet at home, or are going to get one, it's always a good idea to check with an experienced veterinary doctor about what plants are safe to keep at home, and which ones aren't.

And last but certainly not the least, never give human medicine to a pet. Some medicines can cause severe illness or death in animals even if given in very small doses because our pets' bodies are very different from ours. If your animal friend is unwell, always ask your vet to prescribe medication that's good for them.

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Whose baby is it? Match each animal parent to their baby and then color in the drawings.

