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Warning for pets and people: Don't eat the wild mushrooms!

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Amanita species that are dull gray and appear to be "safe."

Other types of mushrooms contain muscarine and causes the SLUDGE set of symptoms: salivation, lacrimation (tearing from the eyes), urination, diarrhea. This set of symptoms is also seen in some pesticides and former flea control products.

The hallucinogenic mushrooms, such as the Psilocybe species, are generally not life-threatening when eaten by a dog. However, these can cause all kinds of neurologic signs, as one would expect from a hallucinogen - howling, wobbliness, rapid eye movements (nystagmus), high body temperature, and abnormal behavior.

Since mushroom identification can be very difficult, veterinary treatment is based on a "worst case scenario" until proven otherwise. Thus, a known mushroom ingestion is cause for urgent/emergency care. If your dog has eaten a mushroom within the past couple of hours, the veterinarian might give an injection to make the dog vomit anything still left in the stomach. This patient should have blood tests to monitor liver values over the next few days, fluid and medication support, and monitoring for tremors or seizures.

Here are some website resources to learn more:

[Veterinarypartner.vin.com](https://veterinarypartner.vin.com) - Mushroom Poisoning in Dogs and Cats

<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=10020259>

ASPCA <https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/mushroom-poisoning-dogs>

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