

GARDEN MULCH - MEMBERS BE AWARE!



An email has been circulated to dog clubs in Australia warning them of the danger of a type of garden mulch known as '**Cocoa Bean Mulch**' or '**Cocoa Shell Mulch**'. This mulch has not been available in Australia until recently, however, it appears to have been recently imported, is cheap and has the additional appeal of having a chocolate aroma.

Unfortunately it is attractive to dogs (who will consume it if they can) **AND IT MAY BE FATAL TO ANY DOG OR CAT WHO EATS IT**. According to the RSPCA, for a medium sized dog 250 grams could be fatal. Apparently this product contains the same chemical that also makes ordinary chocolate dangerous for dogs. Also, the packaging contains no warnings.

This product is in no way to be confused with the Coconut Fibre we are now starting to use as a potting medium as a replacement for pine bark.

This article was supplied by a concerned member.

For further information this interesting article is available online:

http://kb.rspca.org.au/What-garden-dangers-should-I-protect-my-pet-from_314.htm