

**EDITOR'S NOTE . . .**

Welcome to all our new members. As you can see from this publication members submit their stories & pictures for our enjoyment. I am hoping in the month's to come you will be forwarding on to me your stories, pictures and comments about your Norfolk and their accomplishments. My email is [jeannedag@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannedag@yahoo.com). I look forward to receiving your input. 🐾

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## Health

### **KEEPING OUR NORWICH/NORFOLK TERRIERS SAFE: COMMON HOUSEHOLD DANGERS**

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Xylitol is an artificial sweetener, most commonly found in sugarless chewing gum. It is also used to sweeten other food items, such as baked goods, and found in some toothpaste, mouthwashes, certain cough medicines, mints and supplements. While very safe for people, Xylitol is extremely toxic to dogs. Even a small amount of gum (a few sticks / pieces of gum) can cause clinical signs. The main concern with xylitol ingestion is that it can cause a dog's blood sugar to drop rapidly, which can potentially result in seizures. Another consequence of xylitol ingestion is liver damage that can result in liver failure, if your dog is found to accidentally ingest xylitol-containing gum or other products. If your dog ingests xylitol, call your veterinarian immediately or the Pet Poison Control Helpline (800 -213-6680) or ASPCA (888-426-4435). Your vet may or may not have you induce vomiting, depending on the amount ingested and the time frame. Don't induce vomiting without talking to your vet or poison control. In almost all cases, the dog should be evaluated at the hospital and have blood samples collected. 🐾