

# Mushroom Warning

Winter brings the arrival of the deadliest threat we know of to our beloved pack: **mushrooms.**

We lost our Destinee, CH Silverado Cosmopolitan, to a poison mushroom in 2003 and have spread the word ever since to try to prevent others from suffering this preventable tragedy.

There are thousands of mushroom varieties and many have some level of toxicity. There is one lethal family called variously Avenging Angel and Death Cap. These are large white or light-colored round or umbrella shaped fungi. One gram of these will kill a dog by destroying it's liver. We recommend you cull all mushrooms from your property to be safe. Try to get as much of the base as you can and then pour a little vinegar or bleach on the spot to discourage regrowth. If you suspect your dog has taken even a tiny bite of a mushroom, a teaspoon of salt on the back of their tongue will usually induce vomiting within ten minutes and then get to your vet.

We have received too many emails over the years from grieving dog owners who found our articles too late. Please circulate this warning to your community to help prevent these senseless, preventable deaths.

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**Avenging Angel**



**Deathcap**