

WARNING: DOG TENNIS BALL DANGERS!



Most people are not aware of the fact that tennis balls can actually be dangerous to dogs.

This dog tennis ball danger tends to be most common in larger breeds like German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers. The reason: those breeds are more likely to enjoy catching and playing intently with balls. Plus, their mouths are large enough to entirely wrap around a tennis ball. That said, this dog tennis ball danger applies to *any* dog of *any* breed.

Today's tennis balls are made from two half halves of rubber that are molded, pressed together and glued to form a ball. The core is filled with a specific amount of pressurized air to produce just the right bounce on a tennis court. Each ball is then dipped in glue and two bright yellow pieces of felt are wrapped around the ball. At this point, the ball is complete but has to go through a heating cycle that causes the glue to form a seal and bind the two pieces of felt together.

One issue with tennis balls is that large dogs can easily chomp hard enough on a tennis ball to break it into two halves, which could become lodged in the throat. Ingesting part or all of a tennis ball can create a life-threatening blockage, and you certainly don't want to let your dog eat any part of the ball, including the fuzz.

Another concern is that when a dog chomps down on a tennis ball his jaws are strong enough to compress the ball. If for some reason the ball pops to the back of his throat when he releases his jaw, the ball can get caught in his throat and cut off his air supply. Whole tennis balls have been swallowed by dogs.



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