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This needs the attention of any pet owner. Especially if you have ever used Bach flower remedies **READ LABELS**. See article:

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Rescue Remedy, a Bach flower essence, is used widely for it's calming effects on both people and dogs. As a trainer I would say I suggest the use of Rescue Remedy to at least 8 people a month.

Callie my fearful foster pup is on her second bottle of Rescue Remedy Spray. I have also used it on myself during one particularly anxiety ridden event and it did help me to take the edge off.

While it is difficult to tell if Rescue Remedy actually works on dogs, in many cases I have seen, it sure does seem to. I had used it confidently up until yesterday when Rescue Remedy could have **KILLED** my client's dogs.

BEWARE!!! The self proclaimed yoga in a box, has a candy that contains Xylitol, a natural sweetener that is fine for humans but toxic for dogs. Chocolate, grapes, raisins and onions have nothing on Xylitol and the product is becoming more in common in everything to include gum, toothpaste, Jello, candy, mouthwash and baked goods.

Yesterday on my third visit to the home of two young sibling males, it was noted that both dogs have been exhibiting varying degrees of stress. The owner and I were discussing the possibility of trialing them on a homeopathic essence, and she already knew of the wonders of Rescue Remedy and mentioned that she had the candy.

Bach flower essences are widely used in the pet world, and in a million bazillion years I would never expect a Bach product would have Xylitol in it. I take full accountability for giving the dogs the candy and not reading the label more carefully, but at the same time I strongly feel that if I gave it to the dogs, and thought, hey wow, I no longer have to hold the dogs mouth open and force it down their gullet, I am not alone.

I think that shows just how dangerous having Xylitol in Rescue Remedy candy is, and I vow to boycott until either:

A-Xylitol is removed,
or
B-the package contains a huge warning label.

For the record I think all products with Xylitol should contain warning labels, and products containing Xylitol are not allowed in my home and even my kids know to check the ingredients. Be aware also that Xylitol is sold in bulk and more and more people are using it to bake with.

Of course we called the ER and with some degree of difficulty got both dogs to vomit. We then called the poison control number. Poison control will be contacting Bach to find out the actual amount of Xylitol per candy so in the future they can be of more assistance to dogs and their families in needs.

WARNING---We did learn from Poison Control that Tic Tacs contain the highest amounts of Xylitol and that Tic Tacs are responsible for making more dogs sick than any other product.

While surfing around the web I found web site after web site claiming that Bach flowers are 100 % safe for dogs. Obviously --- not all of them! While I understand fully that the product is not made specifically for dogs, the many essences that certified Bach flower practitioners prescribe for dogs every day are not either.

I am waiting to hear how the two dogs are doing, and will update on them soon. I feel horrible, and again offer my most sincere apology to the family. I truly believe that if I made the mistake it is likely that others could to unless Bach either takes the ingredient out, or issues a warning on the package.

Additional info and confirmation can be found on snopes.com at
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/xylitol.asp>

Ingredients list can be found here
<http://organicpharmacy.org/products/Rescue.Remedy.Pastilles.-.Black.Currant>

A List of products that contain Xylitol can be found here
<http://www.parkanimalhosp.com/XYLITOL-1.pdf>