

Highest precautions to be taken with walnut (*Juglans regia*) and black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

The fruit casings of both trees



Walnut (*Juglans regia*)



Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

can be affected by a toxic carrying fungi. This fungi (*Penicillium crustosum*) with the agent Roquefortin C (comparable to Strychnin) can, by swallowing the fruit skin/casing – due to its strong neuro toxic agency – lead to the death in dogs! The symptoms are the following: Vomiting, bouts of epilepsy, trembling and tonic-clonic cramps (stiffening of the extremities and followed by symmetrical twitches).

Sadly there is very little literature on this item: for any interested this website can be of help:

<http://www.pubmed.gov/>

With the search lead “tremorgenic in dogs”, there are seven articles.

We mourn our two sled dogs, which played with fruit casings of an affected walnut tree: for these two any help was too late. Sadly this fungal decay is not visible from outside.

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