



The oak trees surrounding the Rossmoor Dog Park drop a large number of acorns during the fall, typically from **September through December**, though this can vary based on weather conditions and the type of oak tree. Acorns can be highly toxic to dogs, with even small quantities posing a risk, particularly for smaller dogs. Acorns contain tannins, which can lead to gastrointestinal distress and in severe cases serious kidney complications.

Symptoms of acorn poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody), loss of appetite, lethargy, dehydration, and, in extreme cases, shock. If your dog exhibits any of these symptoms, it is essential to act quickly. Contact your veterinarian immediately and do not induce vomiting unless specifically instructed to do so by your vet.

To prevent exposure, monitor your dog closely while at the park, particularly during **acorn season**. Quick action and vigilance are vital to ensuring the safety and well-being of our beloved pets. Let's all work together to keep all of our furry friends safe!

