



CC Orchards Real Cherry Wood Chew Sticks – “Buddy Bones”

A few clarifying points about our Real Cherry Wood Chew Sticks for Dogs:

- **We feel our cherry wood chew sticks are safe. We grow Sweet Cherries (*Prunus Avium*)**
 - o Cherry Wood is very hard and doesn't splinter into shards.
 - o The wood is hard enough that it is good for their teeth but not so hard that it will chip them.
 - o Your dog is likely going to chew the stick and/or remove the bark.
 - o Although the stick is not intended for consumption, they can ingest the wood and/or the bark.
 - o The Chew Sticks have been slathered with a mixture of Oil Olive and Bacon Fat.
 - The Olive Oil will help freshen their breath.
 - The Bacon Fat enhances their desire to preferentially chew the stick.
- **However, we recommend that you supervise your dog especially if this is the first time you're giving them the chew stick.**
 - o First and foremost, you need to know your dog. Like humans, every dog is different.
 - What might be OK for one dog might not be good for your dog.
 - ie. some humans are allergic to Peanut Butter, yet others are not. Some like Broccoli - others don't.
 - o Dogs generally like to chew things. What they chew isn't always known. Giving them our cherry wood chew stick lets you control what they chew to a certain extent. However, even if you supervise them continuously, you'll never really know what they chew or eat.
 - o If your dog isn't a chewer, then they likely aren't going to like the stick.
 - o If the stick is chewed significantly (whittled down to a small piece), it is best to take it away and dispose of it, as you don't want your dog swallowing the entire piece and possibly choking on it.
 - o Be aware that your dog may chew the stick and make a mess by depositing small pieces of the stick all over the ground.
 - We recommend the sticks be chewed outside or where wood particles are easily swept up.
- **What about the Toxicity of Cherries?**
 - o There are over 400 plants listed as toxic to Dogs. (from Adam-and-Eve (*Arum maculatum*) to Yucca)
 - o Most of the “Information” you find on-line is Opinion or has the disclaimer: *“The content of this page is not veterinary advice.”*
 - o Here is a Link to an article on the topic from a Veterinarian Site: [Are All Cherry Trees Poisonous To Dogs](https://vetexplainspets.com/) - <https://vetexplainspets.com/>
 - The main point they make is that not all cherry trees are poisonous to dogs. Some cherry trees are safe for dogs to be around.
 - **Toxic Cherry Trees** that can pose a serious health risks: **Black Cherry Trees (*Prunus Serotina*)**.
 - **Non-Toxic Sweet Cherry Trees (*Prunus avium*)** and the **Sour Cherry Trees (*Prunus cerasus*)** are generally safe for dogs.
 - o A number of factors determine what is toxic to a particular pet:
 - Amount of Substance Ingested, Size of the Animal, Allergies, Age, Overall Health, Diet, etc.
 - o Chewing on a cherry wood stick should not pose a problem. Again, it is not intended to be food but rather a chew toy.
 - o Cherries (*the fruit*) contain healthy nutrients for dogs, such as vitamins A and C, fiber, and antioxidants.
 - o However, a deadly chemical called Cyanogenic Glycosides (converts to Cyanide) can be found in the **pits, stems, and leaves of cherries** with Wild Cherries having a higher concentration than domestic cherries. Note that Cyanide is also a known agent in cigarette smoke, extermination products & burning plastic.
 - o Chew toys of all types often advise owners to be vigilant and observe how their pet reacts.
 - o We have been offering these sticks for many years now and have a number of repeat customers.
 - Our own dogs (2 Golden Retrievers) have been chewing them for their entire lives (“Buddy” passed Feb 2025 at 14 & “Copper” is 7).
- **In Conclusion, The Decision Is Yours. If:**
 - o You have any concerns about your dog chewing, ingesting or playing with a Cherry Wood Buddy Bone, **DON'T** give it to your dog!!!
 - o Your dog is prone to stomach upsets or has a delicate digestive track, then don't let them chew the stick.
 - o You have purchased a Buddy Bone and you have second thoughts about letting them play with the stick, **please return it for a full refund.**



Buddy – Our Golden Retriever