

CLANCY'S CLICHES

For some reason, everyone talks about chocolate this and chocolate that during the month of February. I researched the matter to broaden my horizons and here are my recommended poochie pointers on the topic:

- ♥ If you are getting melted chocolate all over your paws, you're eating it much too slowly.
- ♥ Choco-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices, strawberries, etc., all count as fruit—so eat as much as you want. The same goes for any kind of choco-covered nuts to get more protein in your diet! Equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate make a very well-balanced meal.
- ♥ A box of chocolates provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Why, isn't *that* handy?
- ♥ If you can't eat all your chocolate, you can freeze it but if you can't eat it all it may be a sign of a deeper problem.
- ♥ The preservatives in chocolate will make you look younger and you won't need all that wrinkle cream.
- ♥ Add "eat chocolate" to your daily to-do list. That way you'll get at least one thing accomplished!
- ♥ And according to Charles Schultz (aka "Sparky"): "All you need is love. But a little chocolate every now and then doesn't hurt."



Unfortunately, chocolate is very bad for me and other doggies and animals, so I'll just stick to sending Valentine's cards to my two-footed and fellow four-footed, furry and feathered friends. The card to my two bird friends in love says "Happy Valentine's Day, Tweethearts." My octopus friend is sending one to his girlfriend saying "Valentine, can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?" Oh, and I had my Valentine cards personally made this year. They say "Happy Valentine's Day to you all! I love you drool-ly!" Clever, huh?

So open your heart and share the love *and* the chocolate. Make *every* day a type of Valentine's Day by showing those you care about how much they mean to you by a friendly lick, a smile, a sign of appreciation, a pat on the head, and an extra "treat"!

For all my readers out there, my gifts to you this month of all things ♥ are smiles and giggles that, hopefully, you'll receive with these closing Valentine thoughts

What happened when two angels got married? **They lived harp-ily ever after.**
What is a ram's favorite song on February 14th? **I only have eyes for ewe, dear!**
What did the valentine card say to the stamp? **Stick with me and we'll go places!**

And the proverbial knock-knock joke: **Two-Legged Version: Four-Legged Version:**

Knock, Knock, Who's there? Olive, Olive who? Olive you!

Knock, Knock, Who's disturbing my nap? Ruff, Ruff Who? Ruff you bunches.

Howlin' is hootin'; Growlin's not gooten! - Clancy

