

Doggy Birthday Cake

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modified from [this recipe](#)

cake

1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 cup (4 tbsps) coconut oil, melted
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 egg
1/4 cup smashed banana

frosting

4 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
2 oz. (4 tbsps) peanut butter*, room temperature

* A reader pointed out that a handful of peanut butters contain xylitol, which is a sugar substitute and can be toxic for dogs. Please make sure that the peanut butter you feed your pup is safe!

Bake the cake: Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium bowl, mix all of the ingredients together until the batter is thick and uniform. Fill 6-8 cupcake tins lined with cupcake papers half full with batter. Or you can make two 4-inch round cakes (filled halfway) and two cupcakes. Or you can make two 6-inch round cakes. If the cake pans are not non-stick, then grease and flour as needed. Bake the cupcakes for 10-12 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Bake 4-inch round cakes for 14 minutes. Bake 6-inch round cakes for 15-16 minutes. Both round cakes are ready when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool.

Make the frosting: Beat the cream cheese and peanut butter together until smooth. If the frosting is too stiff, add more peanut butter to achieve desired consistency. Frost the cupcakes or cake(s).

Makes 6-8 cupcakes, or one 4-inch double layer cake and 2 cupcakes, or one 6-inch double layer cake. The cake should keep for 3-4 days covered in the refrigerator.