

Rubbish Chef  
by  
Simon Wiedemann

© 2024

INT. STUDIO - DAY

A CHEF (50) in a white apron stands behind a desk with a bowl, cutting equipment, a whisk, a phone and spoons on it. Behind him is a closed cupboard. He looks towards the camera (not seen by the viewers) as he talks with a warm and soothing voice.

CHEF

Hello, viewers. Today's show will be interesting as what I'm about to cook for you now won't just be for people, but for dogs too. We all love dogs, right? So why not treat them to something VERY special every now and then?

The CHEF turns to the cupboard, opens it and picks out a bottle with a 'chili' label on it, an onion and a bar of chocolate. He shuts the door, places the items on the desk and talks to the camera again.

CHEF

Yes, what I'm going to make for you now is a delicious chili chocolate cake, topped with a tangy onion sauce.

The CHEF laughs.

CHEF

Oh I completely forgot! Where would the recipe be without garlic, avocados and raisins?

The CHEF opens the cupboard again to retrieve the ingredients and puts them on the desk. He chops the onion.

CHEF

Mmmm... I can almost taste the finished product already.

The CHEF puts all the ingredients into the bowl and mixes them together with a whisk. He talks as he does so.

CHEF

When this is all blended together, we can pour a pound of sugar on it...

The CHEF picks up a bag of sugar from the floor behind the desk and pours it into the bowl. He whisks again as he talks.

CHEF

And of course we can add strongly  
caffeinated coffee beans to the mix,  
to really perk up your dog.

The CHEF picks up another bag behind the desk and empties  
some of its contents into the bowl.

The phone rings and the CHEF answers it.

CHEF

Hello, viewer! You're on speaker mode  
so please, no swearing!

CALLER

You are joking, right?

CHEF

Joking about what?

CALLER

Your recipe...

CHEF

It's not finished yet, I'm going to  
put corn on the cob and cooked bones  
into it...

CALLER

No, no, no! Dogs can't eat that  
stuff! They can't eat any one of  
those ingredients, you do know that  
don't you??

CHEF

Are you sure?

CALLER

And even if they could, what you're  
making sounds absolutely disgusting!

CHEF

It's an acquired taste sure, but once  
you've had it, you'd swear by it.

CALLER

I want you to be honest with me.

CHEF

Yes?

CALLER

Have you been feeding that... what do  
you call it?

CHEF  
It's called 'Chef's Special Doggy Mix'.

CALLER  
Have you been feeding it to dogs?

CHEF  
No!

CALLER  
Oh. Thank God.

CHEF  
Not without the macadamia nuts and the alcohol.

CALLER  
I'm warning you..

CHEF  
What now?

CALLER  
This is a joke, isn't it? It has to be!

CHEF  
Of course it's not finished, to finish the recipe I'll be adding artificial sweetener.

CALLER  
Why are you adding artificial sweetener if you've added sugar already???

CHEF  
Two kinds of sweetness...

CALLER  
DOGS CAN'T EAT IT!!!

CHEF  
Oh, I've had enough of him.

The CHEF ends the call and picks up a bottle of vodka from behind the desk and pours all of it into the mix.

CHEF  
You know what dogs love as much as getting drunk? Fireworks! Which is why the dish should be served with rockets flying high into the sky and exploding.

(MORE)

CHEF (cont'd)  
And why not add to the spectacle by  
letting cats jump up and down with  
excitement nearby?

The phone rings again.

CHEF  
Hello?

CALLER  
It's me again.

CHEF  
Oh God, what now?

CALLER  
I'm sorry, I can't let this happen, I  
just can't.

CHEF  
Let what happen?

CALLER  
Thousands of dogs are going to die.  
Cats too.

CHEF  
Why?

CALLER  
For the last time, it's poisonous to  
dogs!

CHEF  
What about the cats, then?

CALLER  
Cats as well, but what's particularly  
bad for cats is the dogs eating them!  
And dogs hate fireworks, too!

CHEF  
You sure?

CALLER  
Certain!

CHEF  
I should stop hosting this show?

CALLER  
Yes! Please!

CHEF  
I should apologise and take things  
back?

CALLER  
Right!

CHEF  
I should call the local vet about the  
welfare of my dog Snuggles?

CALLER  
I guess so...

CHEF  
Whoops.

CALLER  
Bye.

The CHEF hangs up and looks straight at the camera.

CHEF  
Bye viewers. Sorry. Let's taste what  
I've made, though...

The CHEF eats a spoonful.

CHEF  
Wow. Tastes like s...