

DANGEROUS AND POISONOUS PLANTS TO PETS



The list of potentially dangerous house plants and outdoor plants is extremely long. Identification of all of the different types of poisonous plants is not possible here, but a selected list of the most common plants that can be toxic to your pets are as follows:

Alfalfa	Hydrangea
Amaryllis	Ivy, <i>English, Ground, Poison, Glocal, Heart, Needlepoint, Ripple</i>
Angel's Trumpet	Jack-In-The-Pulpit
Arrowgrass – Can be fatal	Jasmine
Azalea	Jimsonweed – Can be fatal
Bird of Paradise	Larkspur
Bittersweet <i>American</i> – Berries can be fatal	Lily-Of-The-Valley – Can be fatal
Black Locust	Locoweed – Can be fatal
Bleeding Heart	Lupine
Buttercup	Milkweed, <i>Common</i>
Calla <i>Lily, Wild, Yellow</i>	Mint, <i>Purple</i>
Castor Bean – Can be fatal	Mistletoe – Can be fatal
Cherry Tree – Foliage and bark can cause cyanide poisoning	Moon Weed – Causes convulsions
Cherry, <i>Jerusalem, Ordinary, Christmas</i>	Mushrooms and Toadstools – Can be fatal
Chinaberry	Nettles
Chokeberry	Nightshade
Chrysanthemum, <i>Pot, Spider</i>	Oleander – Can be fatal
Clover, <i>Alsike and other clovers</i>	Peach Tree – Foliage & bark can cause cyanide poisoning
Coriaria – Causes convulsions	Philodendron – Can be fatal
Creeping Charlie	Poinsettia – Can be fatal
Crown of Thorns	Pokeweed
Daffodil	Rhododendron
Delphinium	Rhubarb – Can cause convulsions and death
Dieffenbachia – Can be fatal	Skunk Cabbage
Easter Lily – Can be fatal	Spinach
Elderberry – Can cause cyanide poisoning	St. John's Wort
Elephant Ears	Thorn Apple
Fern, <i>Bracken Asparagus, Sprangeri</i>	Tomato Vine
Foxglove	Tulip
Hemlock, Poison, Water – Can be fatal	Umbrella Plant – Can be fatal
Hemp	Yew, <i>Japanese, American, Ornamental, English</i>
Holly, <i>English</i>	
Hyacinth	

Symptoms will vary from animal to animal. Some may eat these plants and will exhibit local irritants such as drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, irritation to the mouth and skin, or swelling around the area of the mouth. Extreme cases of poisoning may cause convulsions, tremors to the heart, respiratory and kidney problems, and in the most extreme causes, coma or even death. It is a good idea to note that most dogs and cats will vomit after chewing on plants; this probably does not mean poisoning. Only severe or persistent vomiting is a danger sign, especially when accompanied with one or more of the other symptoms.

Be sure to know the names of the plants in and around your home and keep potentially toxic plants of the areas accessible to your pet. If your pet should happen to be poisoned by a hazardous plant or any other substance, contact your veterinarian immediately. Do not try to induce vomiting without consulting a veterinarian first. Always be sure to keep the phone number of your vet and the Animal Poison Control Center near your phone.