



Protect Your Pet

From Harmful Garden Plants This Spring

How plants poison pets...

Dogs

- Puppies are most at risk as they tend to chew plants, flowers, and bulbs more than adult dogs



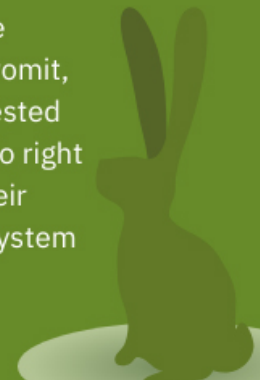
Cats

- Poisoning from outdoor plants is very rare in cats (poisonings due to indoor cats ingesting houseplants are more common)
- Young inquisitive cats and kittens are most at risk
- During grooming, cats may accidentally ingest bits of poisonous plant or seeds caught in their coat.









Rabbits

- Rabbits may ingest poisonous plants if:
 - they are mixed in with their usual food
 - there is no other food available
- Rabbits are unable to vomit, so any ingested plant will go right through their digestive system






What to do if you think your Pet has ingested a Poisonous Plant

Signs of plant poisoning often include drooling, mouth irritation, vomiting, and diarrhoea. If you suspect your pet has eaten a harmful plant:

-  **1 Immediately prevent any further access to the plant**
-  **2 Contact our practice immediately; do not wait for symptoms to appear**
-  **3 Do not try and make your cat or dog vomit (rabbits are unable to vomit) unless specifically directed by one of our vets**
-  **4 Try and recall when and how much of the plant may have been ingested**
-  **5 Watch your pet carefully for any abnormal signs**
-  **6 Bring your pet and some of the plant with you to the practice**

What happens at the Vets?

-  **1 A specific antidote is given** if one is available. However, there are very few antidotes to plant toxins
-  **2 Vomiting may be induced medically**, if it is not too long since the plant was ingested
-  **3 Supportive treatment is provided:**
 - To relieve any symptoms that develop
 - To help maintain organ function
 - To help clear toxins out of your pet's system as quickly as possible

Commonly found plants that are harmful to Dogs, Cats & Rabbits



AZALEAS and RHODODENRONS

- 🚫 All parts of the plant can be harmful if chewed or swallowed
- 🚫 Ingestion can cause irritation of the mouth, vomiting, diarrhoea, depression, breathing difficulties and a high heart rate
- 🚫 Severe cases can cause an irregular heart beat, drop in blood pressure, severe weakness of the legs, in-coordination and can even be fatal



DAFFODILS

- 🚫 All parts are harmful if eaten, but the bulbs are particularly toxic
- 🚫 Can cause a skin reaction
- 🚫 Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, an irregular heart beat, tremors, convulsions, and a serious drop in blood pressure
- 🚫 Signs can be seen from 15 minutes to one day following ingestion
- 🐾 Can be fatal



ENGLISH IVY

- 🚫 Ingestion of leaves and berries can cause, drooling, vomiting and diarrhoea
- 🚫 In severe cases there may be blood present in the vomit and faeces
- 🚫 Contact with ivy can also cause itchy skin reactions with a rash and sore, reddened eyes



FOXGLOVE

- 🚫 All parts of the plant are poisonous
- 🚫 Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, an irregular heart beat, and even heart failure and death



RHUBARB

- 🚫 Ingestion of large amounts of the leaves can cause drooling, kidney failure, tremors and can potentially be fatal



TULIPS

- 🚫 All parts are harmful if eaten, but the bulbs are particularly toxic
- 🚫 Considered less toxic than daffodils
- 🚫 Can cause a skin reaction, mouth irritation, drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea, and depression



LILIES/LILY OF THE VALLEY

- 🚫 All parts of the lily plant are poisonous including water in the vase and pollen
- 🐾 Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, an irregular heart-beat, low blood pressure and disorientation
- 🚫 Severe cases can develop seizures and coma

For a more extensive list search for 'poisonous plants for dogs' or cats or rabbits online

If you catch your pet eating a harmful plant do NOT wait for symptoms to appear - call our team of Vets straight away. **Signs of plant poisoning** can include low energy, appetite reduction/loss, drooling, sickness, diarrhoea, blood in stools, drinking/urinating more, pale gums, twitching, tremors, seizures, breathing difficulties, collapse, some poisons can be fatal.