



Protect Your Pet

From Harmful Garden Plants This Summer



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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 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 pets system as quickly as possible

Commonly Found Plants that are Harmful to Dogs, Cats and 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

- Leaves and seeds are harmful
- 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.



LILY OF THE VALLEY

- Leaves, flowers and the roots can be harmful
- Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, an irregular heart-beat, low blood pressure and disorientation
- Severe cases can develop seizures and coma.

If you would like further advice about the possible hazards of any garden or houseplants, please don't hesitate to phone our Park Veterinary practice on 0114 2363391 and speak to a member of our staff.