



## POISONOUS PLANTS & YOUR PETS

Many homes grow houseplants, landscape and garden plants to add beauty, interest and food. Lovely as they may be, some of these plants may present a hazard especially if pets share the household.

If you think that your animal is ill or may have ingested a poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435**. The ASPCA website ([www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants)) has published a list which contains plants that have been reported as having systemic effects on animals and/or intense effects on the gastrointestinal tract.

There is, of course, no better cure than prevention. If you aren't willing to part with some of your plants, at least place them out of the animal's reach, limit the animal's access to areas outside where poisonous plants exist or let them out only under supervision. Here are some ways of reducing exposure to plant toxins:

- Keep plants out of reach or in rooms where pets are not allowed.
- Maintain plants regularly and keep debris cleaned up.
- Label pots with the plant name and whether it is toxic.
- Don't discard plant clippings where they can be easily accessed.
- Trim plants to prevent pets from accessing vines. The plants will still reward you with fullness and foliage that purifies the air.
- Don't forget that plants summering outside can be dangerous to outdoor pets. Hang them high on porches or plant-stands.
- Always keep fresh water for pets so that they aren't tempted to drink from plant trays. Toxins can leach into the water.
- To keep cats from accessing plants that are out of reach of dogs, try using hanging bird cages to hold the pots. Cages provide extra protection for the plants and a bit of visual interest to the room.

The following pages contain a list of some common plants that may cause irritation, illness or death if they are ingested by pets.

***Please note that the information contained in our plant lists is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather a compilation of the most frequently encountered plants.***

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Plant Name	Toxic Portion(s)	Plant Type
Apricot (Group also includes Plum, Peach, Cherry) Scientific Name: <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> Family: <i>Rosaceae</i>	Seeds, pits	tree
Azalea (Rosebay, Rhododendron) Scientific Name: <i>Rhododendron</i> Family: <i>Ericaceae</i>	Entire	ornamental shrub
Black Locust (falsa acacia, robinia) Scientific Name: <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> Family: <i>Fabaceae</i>	Bark, leaves, seeds	tree
Black Walnut Scientific Name: <i>Juglans nigra</i> Family: <i>Juglandaceae</i>	Green shells	tree
Boxwood Scientific Name: <i>Buxus</i> Family: <i>Buxaceae</i>	Bark, leaves	ornamental shrub
Buckeye (Horsechestnut) Scientific Name: <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> Family: <i>Sapindaceae</i>	Sprouts, nuts, seeds	tree
Buttercup (Butter Cress, Figwort) Scientific Name: <i>Ranunculus</i> Family: <i>Ranunculaceae</i>	Leaves	wildflower
Caladium (Elephant's Ears, Mother-in-law Plant) Scientific Names: <i>Caladium hortulanum</i> Family: <i>Araceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
Castor Bean Plant (Castor Oil Plant, African Wonder Tree, Castor Bean) Scientific Name: <i>Ricinus communis</i> Family: <i>Euphorbiaceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
Ceriman (Cutleaf Philodendron, Hurricane Plant, Swiss Cheese Plant, Mexican Breadfruit) Scientific Name: <i>Monstera deliciosa</i> Family: <i>Araceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
Cordatum (Fiddle-Leaf, Horsehead Philodendron, Heartleaf Philodendron, Panda Plant, Split Leaf Philodendron) Scientific Name: <i>Philodendron oxycardium</i> Family: <i>Araceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
Cowbane (Water Hemlock, Poison Parsnip) Scientific Name: <i>Cicuta</i> Family: <i>Apiaceae</i>	entire plant esp. roots	wildflower
Crocus Scientific Name: <i>Crocus</i> Family: <i>Iridaceae</i>	Entire Plant, especially bulb	garden flower

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Daphne Scientific Name: <i>Daphne</i> Family: <i>Thymelaeaceae</i>	Bark, leaves, flowers	ornamental shrub
Dieffenbachia (dumb cane) Scientific Name: <i>Dieffenbachia</i> Family: <i>Araceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
English Holly (European Holly, Oregon Holly, Inkberry, Winterberry, American Holly) Scientific Name: <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> Family: <i>Aquifoliaceae</i>	Berry	shrub
Foxglove Scientific Name: <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> Family: <i>Scrophulariaceae</i>	Entire plant, particularly the roots.	garden flower
Garden Hyacinth (Hyacinth) Scientific Name: <i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i> Family: <i>Liliaceae</i>	Entire Plant	garden flower, wildflower, house plant
Hills of Snow (Hydrangea, Hortensia, Seven Bark) Scientific Name: <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> Family: <i>Hydrangeaceae</i>	Entire Plant	shrub
Ivy (English Ivy, Glacier Ivy, Needlepoint Ivy, Sweetheart Ivy, California Ivy) Scientific Names: <i>Hedera helix</i> Family: <i>Araliaceae</i>	Leaves	vine
Jerusalem Cherry (Natal cherry, Winter cherry) Scientific Name: <i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i> Family: <i>Solanaceae</i>	Entire Plant	ornamental shrub
Jimsonweed (Thorn Apple) Scientific Name: <i>Datura stramonium</i> Family: <i>Solanaceae</i>	Entire Plant	herb
Larkspur (Delphinium) Scientific Name: <i>Delphinium species</i> Family: <i>Ranunculaceae</i>	Leaves, seeds. Young plants	garden flower, wildflower
Lily of the Valley Scientific Name: <i>Convallaria majalis</i> Family: <i>Liliaceae</i>	Leaves, flowers	garden flower, wildflower
Marijuana (Indian Hemp, Hashish) Scientific Name: <i>Cannabis sativa</i> Family: <i>Cannabaceae</i>	Entire Plant	plant
Monkshood Scientific Name: <i>Aconitum</i> Family: <i>Ranunculaceae</i>	Entire plant esp. roots & seeds	garden flower, wildflower
Morning Glory Scientific Name: <i>Ipomoea</i> Family: <i>Convolvulaceae</i>	seeds, roots	garden flower

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Narcissus (Daffodil, Jonquil, Paper White) Scientific Name: <i>Narcissus</i> Family: <i>Amaryllidaceae</i>	bulbs	garden flower
Nightshade (Deadly Nightshade, Black Nightshade) Scientific Name: <i>Solanum</i> Family: <i>Solanaceae</i>	Entire Plant	wildflower
Poinsettia Scientific Name: <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Family: <i>Euphorbiaceae</i>	Entire Plant	house plant
Potato (Tuber, Spud) Scientific Name: <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> Family: <i>Solanaceae</i>	Ripe and unripe tubers, sprouts	garden plant
Rhododendron Scientific Name: <i>Rhododendron</i> Family: <i>Ericaceae</i>	Entire Plant	ornamental shrub
Rhubarb Scientific Name: <i>Rheum rhabarbarium</i> Family: <i>Polygonaceae</i>	Leaves	garden plant
Wisteria Scientific Name: <i>Wisteria</i> Family: <i>Fabaceae</i>	Entire Plant	ornamental shrub
Yew (Canada Yew, Canadian Yew) Scientific Name: <i>Taxus canadensis</i> Family: <i>Taxaceae</i>	Entire Plant	ornamental shrub