



POISONOUS PLANTS & YOUR PETS

Home with small children are, in most cases, “child proofed.” This means the parents have placed hazardous objects and substances out of reach or locked them away to keep the children from injuring themselves. But how many homes have taken the same type of precaution when it comes to their pets?

It isn’t just chemicals and medications that can be harmful to our pets - many common house and garden plants can be toxic as well. If you suspect your animal has swallowed a poisonous plant, try to determine how much was swallowed. Call your veterinarian *immediately* and follow his or her instructions. The poisoned animal’s best chance for recovery will rely on your actions.

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. Your pet won’t miss the plants or roaming into that particular area, and you can rest easier knowing you have removed a potentially fatal hazard from your pet’s life.

Below is a list of some common plants that may cause irritation, illness or death if they are ingested by pets.

Plant	Poisonous Parts
Azalea	Entire Plant
Bittersweet	Bark, leaves, seeds
Black Locust	Bark, leaves, seeds
Boxwood	Bark, leaves
Buckeye/Horse Chestnut	Sprouts, nuts, seeds
Buttercup	Leaves
Caladium	Entire Plant
Castor bean	Entire Plant
Crocus	Entire Plant
Daffodil	Bulbs
Daphne	Bark, leaves, flowers
Dumb cane	Entire Plant
Foxglove	Leaves

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Plant

Fruits: almond, apples, apricot, cherry,
peach, pear, plum
Hemlock
Holly
Hyacinth
Hydrangea
Ivy, English and Baltic
Jerusalem cherry
Jimson weed/Thorn apple
Larkspur/Delphinium
Lily of the Valley
Marigold
Marijuana
Monkshood
Morning glory
Nightshade
Philodendron
Poinsettia
Poison ivy, oak and sumac
Potato
Rhododendron
Rhubarb
Walnut
Wisteria
Yew

Poisonous Parts

Seeds, pits

Entire Plant
Leaves, berries
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
Leaves
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
Leaves, seeds, young plants
Leave, flowers
Entire Plant
Resinous substance
Entire Plant
Seeds, roots
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
Ripe and unripe tubers, sprouts
Entire Plant
Leaves
Green shells
Entire Plant
Entire Plant
