



Poisonous Plants for Dogs

Common indoor & outdoor plants to keep away from a curious beagle

Numerous plants, both indoors and outdoors, can be poisonous to dogs. Some common examples include:

Highly toxic plants

- **Sago palm:** All parts, especially the seeds or "nuts", are extremely toxic and can cause liver failure and death.
- **Oleander:** Every part of this plant is poisonous and affects the heart, potentially leading to death.
- **Autumn Crocus:** This plant is dangerous, even deadly, to dogs and can lead to severe organ damage.
- **Lily of the Valley:** All parts can cause severe heart problems.
- **Yew:** Contains a toxin that can lead to sudden death from heart failure.

Other toxic plants

- **Azaleas & Rhododendrons:** Contains grayantoxin, which can cause vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, heart problems, and depression.
- **Tulips & Hyacinths:** The bulbs are particularly toxic and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and other symptoms.
- **Daffodils:** All parts, especially the bulbs, are harmful and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and other symptoms.
- **Peace Lily:** Contains calcium oxalate crystals that can cause intense mouth irritation and difficulty swallowing.
- **Philodendron:** Contains calcium oxalate crystals that can irritate the mouth and digestive system.
- **Pothos (Devil's Ivy):** Contains calcium oxalate crystals, causing similar irritation to philodendrons.

- **Aloe Vera:** Can cause vomiting, lethargy, and diarrhea.
- **Chrysanthemum:** May cause gastrointestinal upset and skin irritation.
- **English Ivy:** Can cause abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- **Marijuana:** Can lead to neurological problems, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Symptoms of plant poisoning

- Vomiting and diarrhea (may be bloody).
- Excessive drooling.
- Lethargy or weakness.
- Difficulty breathing or swallowing.
- Changes in heart rate or rhythm.
- Tremors or seizures.
- Oral irritation or swelling.
- Changes in appetite, thirst, or urination.

What to do if your dog ingests a poisonous plant

If your dog ingests a poisonous plant, act quickly and seek immediate veterinary care. Remove any remaining plant material from your dog's reach and, if possible, take a photo of the plant for identification. Monitor your dog for any signs of poisoning and have emergency contact numbers readily available, including your local emergency vet, the ASPCA Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435, and the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661.

Creating a dog-safe environment

To create a safe environment, learn to identify and avoid having toxic plants in your home or garden. Keep plants out of your dog's reach and consider choosing pet-safe alternatives like African violets, Boston ferns, spider plants, and Christmas cacti.

This list is not exhaustive. If you're unsure about a plant's toxicity, keep it away from your dog and consult with your veterinarian for guidance.