

Poisonous Plants For Pets

Four-legged companions enjoy the outdoors as much, or more, as their human friends. If you share a yard with a pet, use containers to keep fragile flowers out of harm's way, and plant rugged perennials, such as Ajugas, Heuchera, and Ivies in areas with heavy paw traffic.



While plants add a touch of color and fragrance to our daily lives, some can be dangerous to our pets. Keep your pets in mind when creating your outdoor living space for your family. Poisonous plants produce a variety of toxic substances and can cause reactions ranging from mild nausea to death. [View informational video](#) provided by the Humane Society of the United States (Real Audio player required. [Free Download.](#))

Below is a list of some of the common plants that may produce a toxic reaction with your pet. This list is intended only as a guide to plants that are generally identified as having the capability for producing a toxic reaction.

PLANT	GENUS	TOXIC PART	PLANT TYPE
Aconite	Aconitum	roots, foliage, seeds	garden flower
Apple	Malus sylvestris	seeds	cultivated tree
Arrowgrasses	Triglochin maritimum	leaves	marsh plants
Autumn Crocus	Colchicum autumnale	entire plant	garden flower
Azaleas	Rhododendron	entire plant	cultivated & wild shrub
Baneberry	Actaea	berries, roots	wildflower
Bird-of-Paradise bush	Caesalpinia	pods	garden flower
Bird-of-Paradise flower	Strelitzia reginae	pods	garden flower
Black Locust	Robinia	entire plant esp. bark, shoots	tree
Bloodroot	Sanguinaria	entire plant esp. stem, roots	wildflower, herb
Box		entire plant esp. leaves	ornamental shrub
Buckeye	Aesculus	sprouts, nuts, seeds	tree
Buttercup	Ranunculus	entire plant esp. leaves	wildflower, garden herb
Caladium	Arum	entire plant	house plant
Carolina Jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens	flowers, leaves	ornamental plant
Castor bean	Ricinus communis	entire plant esp. beans	house plant
Chinaberry Tree	Melia azedarach	berries	tree
Chockcherries	Prunus	leaves, cherries, pit	wild shrub

Christmas Berry	Heteromeles arbutifolia	leaves	shrub
Christmas Rose	Helleborus	rootstock, leaves	garden flower
Common Privet	Ligustrum vulgare	leaves, berries	ornamental shrub
Corn Cockle	Agrostemma githago	seeds	wildflower, weed
Cow Cockle	Saponaria vaccaria	seeds	wildflower, weed
Cowbane	Oxypolis rigidior	entire plant esp. roots	wildflower, herb
Cowslip	Caltha	entire plant esp. leaves, stem	wildflower, herb
Daffodil	Narcissus	bulbs	garden flower
Daphne	Daphne mezereum	bark, berries, leaves	ornamental shrub
Day Lily	Hemerocallis	entire plant is toxic to cats	garden & wildflower
Deadly Nightshade, Belladonna	Atropa belladonna	entire plant esp. seeds, roots	garden herb
Death Camas	Zygadenus	leaves, stems, seeds, flowers	field herb
Delphinium (Larkspur)	Delphinium	entire plant esp. sprouts	wildflower
Dumbcane	Dieffenbachia	entire plant	house plant
Dutchman's Breeches	Dicentra	roots, foliage	wild & garden flower
Easter Lily	Lilium	entire plant is toxic to cats	flowering house plant
Elderberry	Sambucus	leaves, bark, roots, buds	tree
Elephant's Ear	Colocasia or Alocasia	entire plant	house plant
English Ivy	Hedera helix	entire plant esp. leaves, berries	ornamental vine
European Bittersweet	Solanum	entire plant esp. berries	vine
False Flax	Camelina microcarpa	seeds	wild herb
False Hellebore	Veratrum	roots, leaves, seeds	ornamental flower
Fan Weed	Thlaspi arvense	seeds	wildflower, herb
Field Peppergrass	Lipidium campestre	seeds	wildflower, herb
Flax	Linum	seedpods	wildflower, herb
Foxglove	Digitalis	leaves	wild & garden flower
Holly	Ilex	berries	shrub
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus	nuts, sprouts	tree
Horse Nettle	Solanum	entire plant esp. berries	wildflower, herb

Hyacinth	Hyacinthus	bulbs	wild & house plant
Iris	Iris	leaves, roots	wild & garden flower
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Arisaema	entire plant esp. roots, leaves	wildflower
Jatropha	Jatropha	seeds	tree, shrub
Jerusalem Cherry	Solanum	unripe fruit, foliage	ornamental plant
Jimson Weed	Datura	entire plant esp. seeds	field plant
Laburum	Laburnum anagyroides	seeds, pods, flowers	ornamental plant
Lantana	Lantana	foliage	house plant
Larkspur	Delphinium	young plants	wildflower
Laurels	Laurus	leaves	shrub
Lily of the Valley	Convallaria majalis	leaves, flowers	garden & wildflower
Lupines	Lupinus	seeds, pods	shrub
Manchineel Tree	Hippomane mancinella	sap, fruit	tree
Matrimony Vine	Lycium barbarum	leaves, shoots	ornamental vine
Mayapple	Podophyllum peltatum	unripe fruit, roots, foliage	wildflower
Milk Vetch	Astragalus	entire plant	wildflower
Mistletoe	Phoradendron or Viscum album	berries	house plant
Monkshood	Aconitum	entire plant esp. roots, seeds	wildflower
Moonseed	Menispermum	fruit, roots	vine
Morning Glory	Ipomoea tricolor	seeds, roots	wildflower
Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus	leaves	shrub
Mustards	Brassica	seeds	wildflower
Narcissus	Narcissus	bulbs	garden flower
Nicotiana	Nicotiana	leaves	garden flower
Nightshade	Atropa belladonna or Solanum	leaves, berries	wildflower, vine
Oaks	Quereus	shoots, leaves	tree
Oleander	Nerium	leaves	ornamental shrub
Philodendrons	Philodendron or Monstera	entire plant	house plant
Poinsettia	Euphorbia	leaves, stem, flowers	house plant

Poison Hemlock	Conium	leaves, stem, fruit	field plant
Pokeweed	Phytolacca	roots, seeds, berries	field plant
Potato	Solanum tuberosum	shoots, sprouts	garden plant
Rattle Box	Crotalaria	entire plant	wildflower
Rhododendron	Rhododendron	leaves	ornamental shrub
Rhubarb	Rheum rhaponticum	leaves	garden plant
Rosary Pea	Arbrus precatorius	seeds	house plant
Sago Palm	Cycas revoluta	entire plant esp seeds	ornamental plant
Skunk Cabbage	Symplocarpus and Veratrum	entire plant esp roots, leaves	marsh plant
Smartweeds	Persicaria	sap	wildflower
Snow-on-the-mountain	Euphorbia	sap	field plant
Sorghum	Sorghum	leaves	grass
Star of Bethlehem	Ornithogalum	entire plant	wildflower
Velvet Grass	Holcus lanatus	leaves	grass
Wild Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	leaves, pits	tree
Wild Radish	Raphanus raphanistrum	seeds	wildflower
Wisteria	Wisteria	Pods, seeds	ornamental plant
Wolfberry	Lycium barbarum	leaves, shoots	ornamental vine
Woody Aster	Aster venustus	entire plant	wildflower
Yellow Jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens	entire plant	ornamental vine
Yellow Oleander	Thevetia peruviana	entire plant esp. leaves	garden plant
Yellow Pine Flax	Linum neomexicanum	entire plant esp. seedpods	wildflower
Yew	Taxus	bark, leaves, seeds	ornamental tree

If you suspect that your pet has consumed any of these plants-please call your vet immediately.

Chart reprinted from materials provided by the Texas State Department of Health and the National Safety Council.

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