

## Plants and Other Things That Are Poisonous to Dogs

Many dog owners do not realize that their home and yard may contain items that are poisonous to dogs. Review this list, and keep your dog(s) away from these items. If your dog is not a chewer, the plants may not be a problem. However, you never know when your dog may become frustrated and begin chewing.

<b>Shrubs</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Azalea	Weakness, upset stomach, drooling, coma, heart failure, depression
Boxwood	Upset stomach, heart failure, excitability or lethargy
Holly (Berries)	Upset stomach, tremors, seizures, loss of balance
Hydrangea	Seizures, dizziness, rapid breathing
Oleander	Upset stomach, heart failure, excitability or lethargy

<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Amaryllis	Upset stomach, hyperactivity, lethargy, coma, shock, death
Autumn Crocus	Oral irritation, upset stomach, kidney failure, hyperactivity, lethargy, coma, shock, death
Buttercup	Upset stomach
Calla Lilly	Upset stomach, oral irritation, asphyxiation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, death
Christmas Rose	Upset stomach, diarrhea, seizures, disorientation
Chrysanthemum	Skin irritation
Daffodil (bulb)	Upset stomach, seizures, weakness, tremors, excitement, lethargy, coma, death
Easter Lily	Kidney failure, upset stomach, weakness
Foxglove	Upset stomach, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, lethargy, collapse, heart failure, death
Hyacinth (bulb)	Varied toxic effects
Iris (root)	Upset stomach
Jessamine	Labored breathing, seizures, weakness, respiratory failure
Jonquil (Narcissus)	Upset stomach, hyperactivity, depression, coma, seizures, tremors, weakness, irregular heartbeat, death
Morning Glory	Upset stomach, hallucinations
Narcissus	Upset stomach, hyperactivity, depression, coma, seizures, tremors, weakness, irregular heartbeat, death
Peony	Upset stomach, tremors, seizures, staggering, loss of balance, depression, collapse, heart failure, death
Periwinkle	Hallucinogen
Poinsettia	Upset stomach, oral irritation
Primrose	Upset Stomach
Tulip (bulb)	Varied toxic effects

<b>Vines/ Ground Cover</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Devil's Ivy (Philodendron)	Upset stomach, mouth irritation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, asphyxiation, death
English Ivy	Upset stomach, hyperactivity, labored breathing, drooling, fever, increased thirst, dilated pupils, weakness, staggering
Jasmine	Weakness, seizures, respiratory failure
Vine	Upset stomach, lethargy, drooling, heart failure, dilated pupils
Matrimony Vine	Varied toxic effects
Virginia Creeper	Varied toxic effects

<b>Ornamentals and Houseplants</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Asparagus Fern	Vomiting, abdominal pain, cramps, tremors, heart, respiratory, kidney problems
Caladium	Upset stomach, oral irritation, asphyxiation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, death
Elephant's Ear (Colocasia)	Upset stomach, oral irritation, asphyxiation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, death
Dumb Cane (Dieffenbachia)	Upset stomach, oral irritation, asphyxiation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance, death
Philodendron (Saddle Leaf, Split Leaf)	Swollen mouth, painful tongue, sore lips
Poinsettia	Upset stomach, oral irritation
Pot Mum	Dermatitis
Rhododendrons	Vomiting, diarrhea, collapse, death from heart failure
Spider Mum	Dermatitis
Umbrella Plant (Schefflera)	Vomiting, abdominal pain, cramps, tremors, heart, respiratory, kidney problems

<b>Trees</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Apple (leaves and stem)	Rapid breathing, shock, dilated pupils, gum inflammation
American Yew	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Cuban Laurel (Ficus)	Upset stomach
Fiddle-Leaf Fig (Ficus lyrata)	Upset stomach, skin irritation
Oak (acorns)	Varied toxic effects
English Yew	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Western Yew	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Apricot	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Almond	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Peach	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Cherry (leaves and stem)	Shock, gum inflammation, dilated pupils, rapid breathing
Wild Cherry	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Japanese Plum	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea
Balsam Pear	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea

<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Possible Symptoms</b>
Apple Seeds	Varied toxic effects
Apricot Seeds	Varied toxic effects
Avocado Seeds	Diarrhea, vomiting, labored breathing, death
Cornstalk	Upset stomach, labored breathing, drooling
Eggplant (all parts except fruit)	Upset stomach, heart failure, drooling, lethargy
Onion	Upset stomach, anemia
Peach Seeds	Varied toxic effects

<b>Other Plants</b>	
<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Symptoms</b>
Aloe Vera	Diarrhea
Mistletoe	Varied toxic effects
Mushrooms	Varied toxic effects

All of the following items can poison your dog.

#### **Foods**

- Onions, onion powder
- Chocolate (baker's, semi-sweet, milk, dark)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Yeast dough
- Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans)
- Tea (caffeine)
- Salt
- Macadamia nuts
- Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Rhubarb leaves
- Avocados
- Moldy food

#### **Medications**

- Aspirin
- Ibuprofen
- Cough and cold medications
- All prescription drugs
- Medications in tubes. A dog can chew through the tube in seconds.

#### **House Plants – The ingestion of these house plants can be fatal.**

- Azalea
- Oleander
- Castor bean
- Sago palm
- Easter lily
- Yew plant

#### **Flea Control Products and Other Insecticides**

#### **Mouse and Rat Poisons**

#### **Household Chemicals**

- Dishwasher detergent
- Mothballs
- Potpourri oils
- Homemade play dough
- Fabric softener sheets
- Batteries
- Cigarettes

#### **Gardening and Lawn Care Supplies**

#### **Automobile Care Supplies**

<b>Additional Sources of Information</b>		
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone or URL</b>	<b>Cost</b>
The Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)	<a href="http://www.paws.org">http://www.paws.org</a>	Free
ASPCA/National Animal Poison Control Center	1-900-680-0000 1-800-548-2423 1-888-426-4435 <a href="http://www.napcc.aspca.org">www.napcc.aspca.org</a>  <b>THIS IS A WONDERFUL WEB SITE THAT HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON POISONING.</b>	\$45 per case for phone consult (no extra charge for follow-up calls); \$15 for plant list
Pet Emergency First Aid Videos	1-888-380-9966 <a href="mailto:order@apogeevideo.com">order@apogeevideo.com</a>	First Aid for Dogs (\$19.95) First Aid For Cats (\$19.95) Combo: Dogs and Cats (\$35.95)

Most of the above information was obtained on the <http://www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm> and <http://www.napcc.aspca.org> Web sites.