



**Aloe Vera**

Topical use of the gel found inside the leaves is no problem, but there are other proponents of the plant that can irritate the digestive system if ingested.



**Cyclamen, "Persian Violet" or "Sowbread"**

- A household plant which contains irritating saponins which are highly toxic if chewed or ingested.
- Symptoms include oral irritation, excessive salivation, vomiting, and diarrhea. Large amounts can result in cardiac problems, heart abnormalities, seizures, and even death.



**Peony**

- This plant contains the toxin, paeonol, which is concentrated in the bark.
- When ingested in large amounts, it can cause gastrointestinal distress such as vomiting and diarrhea.



**Tulip**

- Although the entire plant of a tulip is considered toxic, it is the bulb that is the most poisonous to dogs.
- Ingestion can cause significant oral irritation, excessive drooling, and nausea.



**Crassula Ovata, or "Jade"**

Can cause vomiting and a slow heart rate in addition to a hard-to-identify symptom: depression.



**Caladium, or "Elephant Ear"**

Can cause swelling and burning of the mouth and tongue, lots of drooling, and vomiting.



# Pets & Plants:

If you believe that your pet is ill or ingested a poisonous substance/plant, **contact:**

- Your local veterinarian
- ASCPA Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435
- Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661



**Hedera Helix, or "Ivy"**

Symptoms range from something minor such as breathing difficulties or a rash, and can be as serious as paralysis or even coma.



**Amaryllis**

Its toxins can cause vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hyper-salivation, anorexia, and tremors.



**Dieffenbachia**

- A common houseplant that can cause oral irritation, vomiting, and difficulty swallowing.
- It can also create a burning sensation of the lips, tongue, and mouth.



**Lathyrus Latifolius, Lathyrus Odoratus or "Sweet Pea"**

Although sweet peas sound like they should be edible, they actually contain a toxic chemical called aminopropionitrile which causes weakness, lethargy, tremors, seizures, and possibly death.



**Sago Palm**

The Sago Palm is an extremely poisonous plant to dogs when ingested; causing bloody vomiting and diarrhea, bleeding disorders, liver failure, and death.



**Philodendron**

Can result in swelling and burning of the mouth and tongue as well as digestive issues, spasms, and even seizures.

## Additional Plants:

Dragon tree

Easter lily

Holly

Mistletoe

Poinsettia

Sansevieria

Spider plant

Umbrella tree  
(Schefflera)

Yews

Asparagus fern

Corn plant

Devil's Ivy  
(Epipremnum  
Aureum)

Emerald palm  
(Zamioculcas)



### Lily of the Valley

Can cause: vomiting, diarrhea, a drop in heart rate, severe cardiac arrhythmias, possible seizures, and even death.



### Hyacinth

Can cause: intense vomiting, diarrhea (occasionally with blood) depression, and tremors.

### Digitalis Purpurea or "Foxglove"

When ingested the results can include cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, and even death.



### Autumn Crocus

- ❖ Can cause an intense burning sensation in the mouth, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, liver and kidney damage, and even heart arrhythmias.
- ❖ The toxicity is highest in the bulbs of the plant.



### Daffodil

- ❑ Although the entire plant is considered poisonous to dogs, it is the Daffodil bulb that is the most toxic.
- ❑ Ingestion of any portion of a Daffodil can cause vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, arrhythmias, convulsions, and a serious drop in blood pressure.



### Oleander

- ❖ Oleander is a popular ornamental flowering shrub commonly found in the southern United States & California.
- ❖ Its cardiac glycosides, similar to digoxin, are very toxic and can cause fatal heart abnormalities, muscle tremors, incoordination, vomiting, and bloody diarrhea.



### Kalanchoe

- ❑ Also known as the *Mother-In-Law* plant, the Kalanchoe is a common house plant with small dense flowers.
- ❑ When ingested it can cause vomiting and diarrhea. In rare cases, heart arrhythmias can occur from a poisoning.



### Azaleas & Rhododendron

- ❖ Ingestion of just a few leaves of Azaleas can cause oral irritation with subsequent vomiting and diarrhea in dogs.
- ❖ In severe cases, ingestion can cause a drop in blood pressure, coma, and even death.



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