

House Plants Toxic to Cats and Dogs

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Aloe Vera Great for burns, toxic to cats and dogs. Who knew? If you keep an aloe plant on hand for burns, make sure to keep it out of reach for your pets. Symptoms include: Vomiting, depression, diarrhea, anorexia, tremors, change in urine color.

Allium Onions, garlic, chives, and leeks are of the Allium family, and are poisonous to both dogs and cats. Garlic is considered to be about 5X as potent as onions. Certain breeds and species seem to be more sensitive: Japanese breeds of dogs (e.g., Akita, Shiba Inu) and cats.

Aloe toxic to both Dogs and Cats Vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea.

Alocasia Commonly known as Elephant's Ear is toxic to dogs and cats
Oral irritation, pain and swelling of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting (not horses), difficulty swallowing

Amaryllis A very popular potted bulb for the holidays and toxic to both cats and dogs. Be careful with the bulbs, they contain the most toxins. Symptoms: Vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, anorexia, tremors.

Arum, Araceae family is toxic to both dogs and cats. Family includes popular plants such as Anthuriums, Arrowhead, Elephant ears, Caladiums, Calla lily, Colocasia, Dieffenbachia, Pathos, Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily), among others. Members of this family contain calcium oxalate crystals which is the toxic part. Symptoms include Oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

Azalea Toxic to both dogs and cats. Common garden plant, Florist Azalea are a common gift plant for Easter holidays when it would be indoors and could come into contact with pets. The toxins in azalea plants can be very severe and potentially cause drooling, diarrhea, vomiting, central nervous system weakening, depression and cardiac failure

Begonia This popular garden and container plant is toxic to both dogs and cats. The tubers are the most toxic part. Symptoms: Oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing.

Bird of Paradise *Strelitzia reginae*, tropical houseplant is mildly toxic to both dogs and cats, can cause mild digestive upset mostly caused by fruit and seeds, most Bird of Paradise grown as houseplants never flower so would be considered safe.

Calla Lily Popular in floral arrangements is toxic to both dogs and cats. Symptoms include: Oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing.

Caladium Another Arum Is a houseplant that is poisonous in its entirety. Oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

Calamondin Orange an unusual houseplant in the citrus family toxic to dogs and cats, the essential oils are the toxic can cause Vomiting, diarrhea, depression; potential photosensitivity (dermatitis)

Castor Bean Poisoning as a result of this plant can cause abdominal pain, drooling, diarrhea, vomiting increased thirst, loss of appetite and weakness. More serious cases could also lead to dehydration, tremors, seizures, twitching muscles, coma and possibly death.

Corn Plant: Vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation, dilated pupils (cats).

Chrysanthemum: The smell of chrysanthemum is enough to keep me away, but dogs and cats may still be drawn to it. It's not likely to cause death, but it is a popular plant and can cause quite a bit of discomfort. In certain cases, depression and loss of coordination may also develop if enough of any part of the plant is consumed. Symptoms: Vomiting, diarrhea, hyper-salivation, dermatitis.

Cyclamen:These pretty flowers are popular in the garden and in pots—and they are toxic to both cats and dogs. The highest concentration of the toxic component is typically located in the root portion of the plant. Symptoms: gastrointestinal irritation, including intense vomiting. Fatalities have also been reported in some cases.

Daylilies - (Hemerocallis) Extremely poisonous to cats. Only small amounts needed, 1 or 2 leaves or just the pollen. Can cause kidney failure. Signs to watch for: no appetite or anorexia, Lethargy or depression, Hiding, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Dehydration, Increased or decreased urination. Not toxic for dogs.

Dracaena Vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation, dilated pupils (cats).

Elephant's Ear - This is a houseplant poisonous in its entirety.

Geranium: Vomiting, anorexia, depression, dermatitis.

Ficus toxic to cats and dogs otherwise known as the Indian rubber tree, common rubber tree plant, or the common fig tree (Ficus carica, F. Lyrata and F.benjamina) contains an irritating sap. When pets are exposed to this plant, it can cause both gastrointestinal (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea) and dermatological (skin) irritation.

Ivy (California Ivy, Branching Ivy, Glacier Ivy, Needlepoint Ivy, Sweetheart Ivy, English Ivy)
I really can't see a dog or cat approaching a wall of ivy and begin munching away, but then again, some of the things I have heard about pets eating have really surprised me, so...be warned. Ivy foliage is more toxic than its berries. Symptoms: Vomiting, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, diarrhea.

Kalanchoe - Ingestion of this plant can cause gastrointestinal irritation and cardiac rhythm and heart rate problems.

Lilies & Daylilies (Hemerocallis) - Plants of the lily variety are very poisonous to cats. Even very small amounts of this plant could cause serious kidney damage. Signs to watch for: no appetite or anorexia, Lethargy or depression, Hiding, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Dehydration, Increased or decreased urination. Not toxic for dogs.

Oleander - All portions of this plant are poisonous and can cause gastrointestinal irritation, hypothermia, heart problems and possibly death.

Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum) The peace lily, also known as the Mauna Loa plant is toxic to cats and dogs. Chewing or biting into the plant releases the crystals which penetrate tissue resulting in injury. When dogs or cats ingest peace lilies, clinical signs may be seen immediately and include pawing at face (secondary to oral pain), drooling, foaming, and vomiting. Moderate to severe swelling of the lips, tongue, oral cavity, and upper airway may also be seen, making it difficult to breathe or swallow.

Pothos, Philodendron is moderately toxic to both dogs and cats. Not the most toxic plant on the list, but it's such a popular houseplant that it should be noted that cats and dogs can both have adverse reactions to chewing or ingesting it. • Symptoms: Oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing.

Primrose Also called English or Common primrose this plant contains an unknown toxin. Usually mild gastrointestinal upset including vomiting and diarrhea occur in dogs and cats.

Poinsettia NOT toxic to cats or dogs.

Sago Palm - While the seeds and nuts of this plant are most poisonous, the entire plant is toxic. Animals ingesting parts of this plant may suffer from diarrhea, vomiting, depression, seizures and liver failure.

Shamrock, Sorrel or Oxalis plant has a very bitter taste, which often deters dogs and cats from consuming large quantities. Contains oxalic acid and oxalate salts, absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, they bind with body's calcium, resulting in a sudden drop in calcium. Signs to watch for: Drooling, Vomiting, Diarrhea.

Tulip: toxic to both dogs and cats. Symptoms: Vomiting, depression, diarrhea, hypersalivation. Highest concentration of toxin in bulb.