Plants & Flowers

Know which plants and flowers are dangerous to your dog.

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DOGS IN REVIEW
the following is a list of some plants, flowers and foods that are poisonous to dogs. This list is not all-inclusive. For a more complete list, contact your veterinarian or visit the Animal Poison Control Center section of www.aspca.org. If you have questions about the toxicity of a particular plant, please consult with your veterinarian.

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**ALOE**

**Scientific name:** Aloe vera  
**Family:** Asphodelaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, depression, diarrhea, anorexia, tremors, change in urine color

**AMARYLLIS**

**Scientific name:** Amaryllis sp.  
**Family:** Amaryllidaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, anorexia, tremors

**ANDROMEDA JAPONICA**

**Scientific name:** Pieris japonica  
**Family:** Ericaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, cardiovascular collapse, death

**ANGEL WINGS**  
*(See Caladium)*

**ARROWHEAD VINE**  
*(See Nephthytis)*

**ASPARAGUS FERN**  
*(See Emerald Feather, Emerald Fern)*

**AUTUMN CROCUS**

**Scientific name:** Colchicum autumnale  
**Family:** Colchicaceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, bloody vomiting, diarrhea, shock, multi-organ damage, bone marrow suppression

**AVOCADO**

**Scientific name:** Persea americana  
**Family:** Lauraceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, diarrhea

**AZALEA**  
*(Also known as Rhododendron)*

**Scientific name:** Rhododendron spp.  
**Family:** Ericaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, central nervous system depression, cardiovascular collapse, death

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**BIRD OF PARADISE**

**Scientific name:** Caesalpinia gilliesii *(Note: not related to Bird of Paradise in the genus Strelitzia)*  
**Family:** Leguminosae  
**Effects:** diarrhea, vomiting, incoordination

**BITTERSWEET**  
*(AMERICAN)*

**Scientific name:** Celastrus scandens  
**Family:** Celastraceae  
**Effects:** weakness, convulsions, vomiting, diarrhea

**BITTERSWEET**  
*(EUROPEAN)*

**Scientific name:** Solanum dulcamara  
**Family:** Solanaceae  
**Effects:** drooling, inappetence, severe gastric upset, drowsiness, lethargy, weakness, dilated pupils, low heart rate

**BRANCHING IVY**  
*(Also known as English Ivy, Glacier Ivy, Hahn’s Self-Branching English Ivy, Needlepoint Ivy, Sweet-heart Ivy)*

**Scientific name:** Hedera helix  
**Family:** Araliaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting, abdominal pain, hyper-salivation, diarrhea  
**Note:** foliage is more toxic than the berries

**BUCKEYE**

**Scientific name:** Aesculus spp.  
**Family:** Hippocastanaceae  
**Effects:** severe gastroenteritis, depression or hyperexcitability, dilated pupils, coma

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**CALLA LILY**

**Scientific name:** Zantedeschia aethiopica  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**CASTOR BEAN**

**Scientific name:** Ricinus communis  
**Family:** Euphorbiaceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, increased thirst, vomiting, diarrhea, kidney failure, convulsions  
**Note:** beans are very toxic

**CERIMAN**  
*(See Cutleaf Philodendron)*

**CHINABERRY TREE**

**Scientific name:** Melia azedarach  
**Family:** Meliaceae  
**Effects:** slow heart rate, diarrhea, vomiting, depression, weakness, seizures, shock  
**Note:** berries are most toxic

**CHINESE EVERGREEN**

**Scientific name:** Aglaonema modestum  
**Family:** Araceae

**CHRISTMAS ROSE**

**Scientific name:** Helleborus niger  
**Family:** Ranunculaceae  
**Effects:** abdominal pain, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, convulsions

**CLEMATIS**

**Scientific name:** Clematis sp.  
**Family:** Ranunculaceae  
**Effects:** salivation, vomiting, diarrhea

**CORDATUM**  
*(Also known as Heartleaf Philodendron)*

**Scientific name:** Philodendron oxyocardium  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**CORN PLANT**  
*(Also known as Striped Dracaena, Warnecke Dracaena)*

**Scientific name:** Dracaena fragrans  
**Family:** Asparagaceae  
**Effects:** vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation

**CUTLEAF PHILODENDRON**  
*(Also known as Ceriman, Fruit Salad Plant, Hurricane Plant, Mexican Breadfruit, Philodendron Pertusum, Swiss Cheese Plant)*

**Scientific name:** Monstera deliciosa *(formerly Philodendron pertusum)*  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**CYCADS**  
*(Also known as Sago Palm)*

**Scientific name:** Cycas revoluta  
**Family:** Cycadaceae
**Effects:** vomiting, increased thirst, hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, bruising, coagulopathy, liver damage, liver failure, death

**CYCLAMEN**  
*Scientific name:* Cyclamen spp.  
*Family:* Myrionitae  
*Effects:* salivation, vomiting, diarrhea (ingesting a large amount of tubers: heart rhythm abnormalities, seizures, death)

**DAFFODIL**  
*(Also known as Narcissus)*  
*Scientific name:* Narcissus spp.  
*Family:* Amaryllidaceae  
*Effects:* severe gastrointestinal disorders, convulsions, shivering, muscular tremors, cardiac arrhythmias

**DEADLY NIGHTSHADE**  
*Scientific name:* Atropa belladonna  
*Family:* Solanaceae  
*Effects:* hypersalivation, inappetence, severe gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, drowsiness, central nervous system depression, confusion, behavioral changes, weakness, dilated pupils, slow heart rate

**DEVIL’S IVY**  
*(See Golden Pothos)*

**DIEFFENBACHIA**  
*(Also known as Dumb Cane, Tropic Snow Dumbcane)*  
*Scientific name:* Dieffenbachia spp.  
*Family:* Araceae  
*Effects:* oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**DRAGON TREE**  
*(Also known as Red-Margin Dracaena)*  
*Scientific name:* Dracaena marginata  
*Family:* Asparagaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting, severe diarrhea

**DUMB CANE**  
*(See Dieffenbachia)*

**ELEPHANT EAR**  
*(See Caladium)*

**EMERALD FEATHER, EMERALD FERN**  
*(Also known as Asparagus Fern, Lace Fern)*  
*Scientific name:* Asparagus setaceus  
*Family:* Asparagaceae  
*Effects:* allergic dermatitis with repeated dermal exposure (berry ingestion may cause vomiting, abdominal pain or diarrhea)

**ENGLISH IVY**  
*(See Branching Ivy)*

**FOXGLOVE**  
*Scientific name:* Digitalis purpurea  
*Family:* Plantaginaceae  
*Effects:* cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, death

**FRUIT SALAD PLANT**  
*(See Cutleaf Philodendron)*

**GREEN GOLD NEPHRHYTIS**  
*(See Nephthytis)*

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**HAHN’S SELF-BRANCHING ENGLISH IVY**  
*(See Cordatum)*

**HEARTLEAF PHILODENDRON**  
*(See Branching Ivy)*

**HEAVENLY BAMBOO**  
*Scientific name:* Nandina domestica  
*Family:* Berberidaceae  
*Effects:* cyanosis, pale mucous membranes, slow heart rate, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory congestion, seizures, semicoma, respiratory failure, death

**HOLLY**  
*Scientific name:* Ilex spp.  
*Family:* Aquifoliaceae  
*Effects:* intense vomiting and diarrhea, depression

**HORSEHEAD PHILODENDRON**  
*(See Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron)*

**HYACINTH**  
*Scientific name:* Hyacinthus orientalis  
*Family:* Hyacinthaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting, depression, inappetence, drooling, incoordination, weakness

**HYDRANGEA**  
*Scientific name:* Hydrangea macrophylla  
*Family:* Hydrangeaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting, depression, anorexia, diarrhea, increased heart rate, increased body temperature

**GLACIER IVY**  
*(See Branching Ivy)*

**GLADIOLUS**  
*Scientific name:* Gladiolus spp.  
*Family:* Iridaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, diarrhea (occasionally with blood), hyper salivation, abdominal pain

**GLORY LILY**  
*Scientific name:* Gloriosa superba  
*Family:* Colchicaceae  
*Effects:* oral irritation, bloody vomiting, diarrhea, shock, kidney and liver damage, bone marrow suppression

**GOLD DUST DRACAENA**  
*Scientific name:* Dracaena surculosa  
*Family:* Asparagaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting, depression, inappetence, drooling, incoordination, weakness

**GOLDEN POTHOS**  
*(Also known as Devil’s Ivy, Marble Queen, Taro Vine)*  
*Scientific name:* Epipremnum aureum  
*Family:* Asparagaceae  
*Effects:* oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**HYDRANGEA**  
*Scientific name:* Hydrangea macrophylla  
*Family:* Hydrangeaceae  
*Effects:* vomiting, depression, anorexia, diarrhea, increased heart rate, increased body temperature
**Iris**
*Scientific name*: Iris sp.  
*Family*: Iridaceae  
*Effects*: vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, diarrhea (occasionally with blood), hypersalivation, abdominal pain

**Japanese Yew** (Also known as Yew)
*Scientific name*: Taxus cuspidata  
*Family*: Taxaceae  
*Effects*: sudden death from acute cardiac failure (early signs are muscular tremors and seizures)

**Jequirity** (Also known as Precatory Bean)
*Scientific name*: Abrus precatorius  
*Family*: Fabaceae  
*Effects*: severe vomiting and diarrhea, increased body temperature, incoordination, inappetence, death  
*Note*: beans are very toxic, especially if broken or chewed

**Jerusalem Cherry**
*Scientific name*: Solanum pseudocapsicum  
*Family*: Solanaceae  
*Effects*: gastrointestinal disturbances, seizures, depression, respiratory depression shock

**Jimson Weed**
*Scientific name*: Datura stramonium  
*Family*: Solanaceae  
*Effects*: weak and rapid pulse and heartbeat, dilated pupils, incoordination, convulsions, coma

**Kalanchoe**
*Scientific name*: Kalanchoe spp.  
*Family*: Crassulaceae  
*Effects*: vomiting and diarrhea (bufodienalides are cardiotoxic)

**Lace Fern** (See Emerald Feather, Emerald Fern)

**Lily of the Valley**
*Scientific name*: Convallaria majalis  
*Family*: Ruscaceae  
*Effects*: ataxia, vomiting, cardiac arrhythmias, death

**Macadamia Nut**
*Scientific name*: Macadamia integrifolia  
*Family*: Proteaceae  
*Effects*: depression, hyperthermia, weakness, muscular stiffness, vomiting, tremors, increased heart rate

**Marble Queen** (See Golden Pothos)

**Mistletoe**
*Scientific name*: Phoradendron leucarpum  
*Family*: Santalaceae  
*Effects*: gastrointestinal disorders, cardiovascular collapse, bradycardia, erratic behavior

**Morning Glory**
*Scientific name*: Ipomoea spp.  
*Family*: Convolvulaceae  
*Effects*: hallucination, diarrhea

**Narcissus** (See Daffodil)

**Needlepoint Ivy** (See Branching Ivy)

**Nephthyts** (Also known as Arrowhead Vine, Green Gold Nephthyts)
*Scientific name*: Syngonium podophyllum  
*Family*: Araceae  
*Effects*: oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing

**Onion**
*Scientific name*: Allium spp.  
*Family*: Alliaceae  
*Effects*: prolonged central nervous system depression, respiratory depression, weakness, ataxia, sedation, sometimes hyperexcitation

**Mexican Breadfruit** (see Cutleaf Philodendron)

**Peace Lily** (Also known as Spathé Flower)
*Scientific name*: Spathiphyllum wallisii  
*Family*: Araceae  
*Effects*: oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing

**Philodendron Pertusum** (See Cutleaf Philodendron)

**Poison Hemlock**
*Scientific name*: Conium maculatum  
*Family*: Apiaceae  
*Effects*: dilated pupils, weakness, staggering gait, slow pulse, irregular breathing, death

**Precatory Bean** (See Jequirity)

**Red-Marginated Dracontia** (See Dragon Tree)

**Rhododendron** (See Azalea)

**Ribbon Plant**
*Scientific name*: Dracontia sanderiana  
*Family*: Asparagaceae  
*Effects*: vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation

**Sago Palm** (See Cycads)

**Satin Pothos**
*Scientific name*: Scindapsus pictus  
*Family*: Araceae  
*Effects*: oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

**Spaeth Flower** (See Peace Lily)
STRIPED DRACAENA  
(See Corn Plant)

SWEETHEART IVY  
(See Branching Ivy)

SWISS CHEESE PLANT  
(see Cutleaf Philodendron)

TARO VINE  
(See Golden Pothos)

TOMATO PLANT  
Scientific name: Solanum lycopersicum  
Family: Solanaceae  
Effects: hypersalivation, inappetence, severe gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, drowsiness, central nervous system depression, confusion, behavioral change, weakness, dilated pupils, slow heart rate  
Note: the toxic components of the tomato plant are located in the green parts of the plant only

TROPIC SNOW DUMBCANE  
(See Dieffenbachia)

TULIP  
Scientific name: Tulipa spp.  
Family: Liliaceae  
Effects: intense vomiting, depression, diarrhea, hypersalivation, inappetence

WARNECKEI DRACAENA  
(See Corn Plant)

YELLOW JESSAMINE  
Scientific name: Gelsemium sempervirens

Family: Gelsemiaceae  
Effects: weakness, incoordination, dilated pupils, convulsions, coma, death

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW  
Scientific name: Brunfelsia pauciflora  
Family: Solanaceae  
Effects: tremors, depression, coma

YEW  
(See Japanese Yew)

YUCCA  
Scientific name: Yucca spp.  
Family: Agavaceae  
Effects: vomiting, depression, diarrhea, drooling, seizures

If you think your dog might have ingested something toxic, contact your veterinarian immediately, or call a 24-hour pet poison-control hotline.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center  
888-426-4435  
$65 consultation fee

Angell Animal Poison Control Hotline  
877-2ANGELL  
$65 consultation fee

Pet Poison Helpline  
800-213-6680  
$39 consultation fee