

☠ POISONOUS ☠

# Plants & Flowers



**Know which plants and flowers  
are dangerous to your dog.**

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**DOGS IN REVIEW**

**T**he 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](http://www.asPCA.org). If you have questions about the toxicity of a particular plant, please consult with your veterinarian.

## A

### 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 *Nephtytis*)

### 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



## B

### 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, slow 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



## C

### CALADIUM

(Also known as *Angel Wings*, *Elephant Ear*)  
**Scientific name:** *Caladium bicolor*  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



### 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:** *Aglanema modestum*



**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing

### 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 oxycardium*  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



### CORN PLANT

(Also known as *Striped Dracaena*, *Warneckei 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:** Myrsinaceae

**Effects:** salivation, vomiting, diarrhea (ingesting a large amount of tubers: heart rhythm abnormalities, seizures, death)



## D

### 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-Margined Dracaena*)

**Scientific name:** *Dracaena marginata*

**Family:** Asparagaceae

**Effects:** vomiting, severe diarrhea



## DUMB CANE

(See *Dieffenbachia*)

## E

### 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*)

## F

### FIDDLE-LEAF PHILODENDRON

(Also known as *Horsehead Philodendron*)

**Scientific name:** *Philodendron bipennifolium*

**Family:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



## FLAMINGO LILY

**Scientific name:** *Anthurium andraeanum*

**Family:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



## FLORIDA BEAUTY

**Scientific name:** *Dracaena godseffiana*

**Family:** Asparagaceae

**Effects:** vomiting, depression, inappetence, drooling, incoordination, weakness



## FOXGLOVE

**Scientific name:** *Digitalis purpurea*

**Family:** Plantaginaceae

**Effects:** cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, death



## FRUIT SALAD PLANT

(See *Cutleaf Philodendron*)

## G

### GLACIER IVY

(See *Branching Ivy*)

## GLADIOLUS

**Scientific name:** *Gladiolus* spp.

**Family:** Iridaceae

**Effects:** vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, diarrhea (occasionally with blood), hypersalivation, 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:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



## GREEN GOLD NEPHTHYTIS

(See *Nephtytis*)

## H

### HAHN'S SELF-BRANCHING ENGLISH IVY

(See *Branching Ivy*)

## HEARTLEAF PHILODENDRON

(See *Cordatum*)

## 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*)

## HURRICANE PLANT

(See *Cutleaf Philodendron*)

## HYACINTH

**Scientific name:** *Hyacinthus orientalis*

**Family:** Hyacinthaceae

**Effects:** intense vomiting, diarrhea (occasionally with blood), depression, tremors



## HYDRANGEA

**Scientific name:** *Hydrangea macrophylla*

**Family:** Hydrangeaceae

**Effects:** vomiting, depression, anorexia, diarrhea, increased heart rate, increased body temperature



# I

## IRIS

**Scientific name:** *Iris* sp.

**Family:** Iridaceae

**Effects:** vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, diarrhea (occasionally with blood), hypersalivation, abdominal pain



# J

## 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



# K

## KALANCHOE

**Scientific name:** *Kalanchoe* spp.

**Family:** Crassulaceae

**Effects:** vomiting and diarrhea (bufodienalides are cardiotoxic)



# L

## LACE FERN

(See Emerald Feather, Emerald Fern)

## LILY OF THE VALLEY

**Scientific name:** *Convallaria majalis*

**Family:** Ruscaceae

**Effects:** ataxia, vomiting, cardiac arrhythmias, death



# M

## MACADAMIA NUT

**Scientific name:** *Macadamia integrifolia*

**Family:** Proteaceae

**Effects:** depression, hyperthermia, weakness, muscular stiffness, vomiting, tremors, increased heart rate



## MARBLE QUEEN

(See Golden Pothos)

## MARIJUANA

**Scientific name:** *Cannabis sativa*

**Family:** Cannabaceae

**Effects:** prolonged central nervous system depression, respiratory depression, weakness, ataxia, sedation, sometimes hyperexcitation



## MEXICAN BREADFRUIT

(see Cutleaf Philodendron)

## MISTLETOE (AMERICAN)

**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



# N

## NARCISSUS

(See Daffodil)

## NEEDLEPOINT IVY

(See Branching Ivy)

## NEPHTHYTIS

(Also known as Arrowhead Vine, Green Gold Nephthytis)

**Scientific name:** *Syngonium podophyllum*

**Family:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing



# O

## OLEANDER

**Scientific name:** *Nerium oleander*

**Family:** Apocynaceae

**Effects:** vomiting, diarrhea, cardiac abnormalities, decreased body temperature, death



## ONION

**Scientific name:** *Allium* spp.

**Family:** Alliaceae

**Effects:** gastrointestinal upset, hemolytic anemia, Heinz body anemia, hemoglobinuria



# P

## PEACE LILY

(Also known as Spathe Flower)



**Scientific name:** *Spathiphyllum wallisii*

**Family:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty 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)

# R

## RED-MARGINED DRACAENA

(See Dragon Tree)

## RHODODENDRON

(See Azalea)

## RIBBON PLANT

**Scientific name:** *Dracaena sanderiana*

**Family:** Asparagaceae

**Effects:** vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation



# S

## SAGO PALM

(See Cycads)

## SATIN POTHOS

**Scientific name:** *Scindapsus pictus*

**Family:** Araceae

**Effects:** oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



## SPATHE FLOWER

(See Peace Lily)



## STRIPED DRACAENA

(See Corn Plant)

## SWEETHEART IVY

(See Branching Ivy)

## SWISS CHEESE PLANT

(see Cutleaf Philodendron)

# T

## 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



# W

## WARNECKEI DRACAENA

(See Corn Plant)

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## YELLOW JESSAMINE

**Scientific name:** *Gelsemium sempervirens*

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**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

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**877-2ANGELL**

\$65 consultation fee

### Pet Poison Helpline

**800-213-6680**

\$39 consultation fee

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