

Be Careful What You Plant



Whether in the garden or in your home, plants provide us with immense beauty. Unfortunately, many of those plants are also poisonous to pets. Plants which are not toxic to people, like the hibiscus and the Easter lily family, may cause renal failure in cats and excessive fluid loss in dogs. A morsel of mistletoe can cause digestive upset as well as irregular heartbeats and possibly cardiac shock in pets. Common houseplants, like the philodendron and Dieffenbachia (dumb cane), contain oxalate crystals that can cause your pet's mouth and throat to swell, making him unable to eat.

Because pets chew on almost anything, you'll want to remove or secure plants that are especially dangerous to your pet. Learn the types and names of plants that you have in your yard in case of an accident.

If your pet does chew on a plant, immediately remove the plant from their mouth and rinse their mouth out gently with water. Identify the plant your pet ate and call the poison center or your veterinarian. Watch for excessive or foamy salivation and changes in the skin around the mouth, eyes, or paws.

For a listing of plants and other substances poisonous to pets, call us.



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