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PET SAFETY

poisonous plants & flowers

Plants and flowers often add life and color to our home. However, these same plants can cause serious harm to our beloved pets. Being familiar with the plants in and around your home is key in preventing your pet from consuming any plants that may be poisonous or cause stomach upset.

The following is a list of the 17 most common poisonous plants.

1. Lilies
2. Marijuana
3. Sago Palm
4. Tulip/Narcissus bulbs
5. Azalea/Rhododendron
6. Oleander
7. Castor Bean
8. Cyclamen
9. Kalanchoe
10. Yew
11. Amaryllis
12. Autumn Crocus
13. Chrysanthemum
14. English Ivy
15. Peace Lily (AKA Mauna Loa Peace Lily)
16. Pothos
17. Schefflera

In addition to plants, certain flowers are downright dangerous to our animal companions. Many varieties of lilies are highly poisonous to cats, for example, and while rose flowers may be fine, their thorns could prove injurious to our curious friends.

Alternatively, there are some pet-friendly flower selections. These include dendrobium orchids, violets and gerbera daisies.



It's also important to keep in mind that even "safe" plants can produce minor stomach upset if ingested.

If you think that your animal is ill or may have ingested a poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or your 24-hour emergency poison hotline.

To view a more detailed list of toxic and non-toxic plants, please consult the [ASPCA Toxic and Non-Toxic Plants fact sheet](#).