



## DOGS TRUST LIST OF POISONOUS PLANTS, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD SUBSTANCES

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – please read

*Dogs Trust assumes no liability for the content of the following list. This does not represent a complete list of all poisonous plants and is only intended as a guide. Please contact your veterinary surgeon for advice or treatment immediately if you think your pet has eaten any of the following plants and is showing a bad reaction. Your pet may also have a sensitivity or allergy to a plant that is not on the list, so always be vigilant and seek help if you are worried about your pet's health.*

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Botanical name</b>	<b>Details (if known)</b>
<b>Aconite (roots, foliage, seeds)</b>	<b><i>Aconitum species</i></b>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting. May also affect cardiac function – increased heart rate.
<b>African violet (leaves)</b>	<b><i>Saintpaulia ionantha</i></b>	
<b>Aloe vera</b>	<b><i>Aloe vera</i></b>	Diarrhea
<b>Amaryllis (bulbs)</b>	<b><i>Hippeastrum species</i></b>	Upset stomach, hyperactivity, lethargy, coma, shock. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Angels' trumpets</b>	<b><i>Brugmansia species</i></b>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
<b>Angel wings</b>	<b><i>Caladium species</i></b>	Upset stomach, oral irritation, asphyxiation, tremors, seizures, loss of balance. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Apple (seeds)</b>	<b><i>Malus species</i></b>	Seeds contain cyanide. Varied toxic effects.
<b>Apple leaf croton</b>		
<b>Apricot (kernels)</b>	<b><i>Prunus armeniaca</i></b>	Kernels contain cyanide. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Arborvitae</b>	<b><i>Thuja species</i></b>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
<b>Arrow grasses (leaves)</b>	<b><i>Triglochin species</i></b>	
<b>Asparagus fern</b>	<b><i>Asparagus setaceus</i></b>	Contains a wide variety of poisons resulting in a large range of symptoms.
<b>Autumn crocus</b>	<b><i>Crocus speciosus</i></b>	Vomiting, nervous excitement. May cause dermatitis.
<b>Avocado (fruit &amp; pith)</b>	<b><i>Persea americana</i></b>	Diarrhea, vomiting, laboured breathing. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Azalea (all parts)</b>	<b><i>Rhododendron occidentale</i></b>	Nausea, vomiting, depression, difficulty breathing and coma. <b>Can be fatal if eaten in large enough quantities.</b>
<b>Baby's breath</b>	<b><i>Gypsophila paniculata</i></b>	
<b>Barilla (leaves &amp; stems)</b>	<b><i>Salsola soda</i></b>	

Bird of paradise (seeds)	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected by the plant toxins.
Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus angulatus</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Bleeding heart (foliage, roots)	<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	Poisonous in large amounts, contains convulsants. May also cause dermatitis.
Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Box (leaves)	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	
Boxwood (leaves, twigs)	<i>Hebe odora</i>	Upset stomach, heart failure, excitability or lethargy. May also cause dermatitis.
Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Thiamine deficiency, acute haemorrhagic syndrome, blindness, tumours
Broom	<i>Cytisus species</i>	
Buckeyes (nuts & immature growths)	<i>Aesculus species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Burning bush	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting. May cause a skin allergy.
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus species</i>	Juice may severely injure digestive system. May also cause dermatitis.
Caladium	<i>Caladium species</i>	
Calico bush	<i>Kalmia species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Calla lily (leaves)	<i>Zantedeschia species</i>	(as above)
Caper Spurge	<i>Euphorbia lathyris</i>	
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	
Castor bean (leaves and seeds)	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	May cause dermatitis. A single Rosary Pea or one/two Castor bean seeds can be <b>fatal</b> .
Ceriman	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.
Chenille Plant	<i>Acalypha hispida</i>	
Cherry (kernels)	<i>Prunus species</i>	Kernels contain cyanide.
Cherry laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
China Berry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	
Chinese evergreen	<i>Aglaonema</i>	
Christmas rose (leaves, roots)	<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Chrysanthemum (leaves & stems)	<i>Chrysanthemum species</i>	May cause dermatitis.
Cineraria	<i>Senecio species</i>	
Clematis	<i>Clematis armandii</i>	Gastrointestinal tract and nervous system affected by plant toxins. May cause dermatitis.
Cocoa husks or mulch		Similar toxic effects to that of chocolate – hyperactivity, increased heart rate. Can kill if enough is eaten.
Corn cockle (seeds)	<i>Agrostemma species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Corn plant	<i>Dracaena species</i>	
Crocus	<i>Anemone species</i>	

	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	
Croton	<i>Codiaeum species</i>	
Crown vetch	<i>Coronilla varia</i>	
Cuckoo pint	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting. May cause a skin allergy.
Crowfoot	<i>Anunculus species</i>	
Cycads	<i>Encephalartos species</i>	
Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen species</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. Convulsions and paralysis.
Daffodil (bulbs)	<i>Narcissus species</i>	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May also cause dermatitis. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Daphne	<i>Daphne species</i>	Gastrointestinal tract and kidneys affected. May cause dermatitis.
Datura	<i>Brugmansia species</i>	
Deadly nightshade	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
<i>Delphinium (seeds, young plants)</i>	<i>Delphinium species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Devil's fig	<i>Solanum hispidum</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Dieffenbachia	<i>Dieffenbachia species</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis. Tremors, seizures, loss of balance, asphyxiation. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Dragon tree	<i>Dracaena species</i>	Vomiting and diarrhea.
Dumb cane	<i>Dieffenbachia amaena</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis. Tremors, seizures, loss of balance, asphyxiation. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Dwarf morning glory	<i>Convolvulus tricolor</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Easter lily	<i>Lilium longiflorum</i>	(Especially poisonous to cats).
<i>Echium</i>	<i>Echium species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Elder (leaves, root, bark)	<i>Sambucus species</i>	
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Nausea and vomiting.
Elephant ears	<i>Bergenia species</i>	Intense burning, irritation and swelling of the mouth and throat. If tongue swells enough to block air passage <b>can be fatal.</b>
English ivy (berries & leaves)	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis.
European spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
False hellebore (roots, seeds, leaves)	<i>Veratrum album</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Flannel flower	<i>Phyllis plumosa</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.

Flax	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Foxglove (leaves, seeds)	<i>Digitalis species</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Fritillary	<i>Fritillaria species</i>	
Fruit salad plant	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.
<i>Gaultheria</i>	<i>Gaultheria mucronata</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Geranium	<i>Geranium species</i>	
German ivy (berries & leaves)	<i>Delairea odorata</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis.
German primula		Toxic if eaten. May cause skin allergy.
Glory lily	<i>Gloriosa superba</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Golden chain (seed capsules)	<i>Laburnum</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Granny's bonnets	<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Heavenly bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	
Hellebores	<i>Helleborus species</i>	
Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropum arborescens</i>	
Hemlock	<i>Tsuga species</i>	
Henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus species</i>	
Holly (berries)	<i>Ilex species</i>	Upset stomach, tremors, seizures, loss of balance.
Horse chestnut (nuts, leaves)	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Hurricane plant (bulb)	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Varied toxic effects. Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.
Hyacinth (bulbs)	<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea species</i>	
Iris (roots)	<i>Iris species</i>	Severe digestive upset. May cause dermatitis.
Ivy (entire plant)	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Jack in the pulpit	<i>Arisaema species</i>	Causes burning to the mouth. Can cause hallucinations.
Japanese spindle	<i>Euonymus sieboldianus</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Japanese yew	<i>Taxus species</i>	
Jessamine (berries & sap)	<i>Cestrum species</i>	Digestive disturbance. Gastrointestinal tract and nervous system affected. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Jerusalem Cherry (immature growths)	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis.
Jimson weed (Thorn Apple)	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Abnormal thirst, distorted sight, delirium, incoherence, coma. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Jonquil (bulb)	<i>Narcissus species</i>	

Juniper	<i>Juniperus species</i>	
Kalanchoe	<i>Kalanchoe species</i>	Depression, rapid breathing, teeth grinding, ataxia, paralysis
Kale	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Haemolytic anaemia, goitre, possible reduced fertility
Kingcup	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Laburnum (leaves, seeds)	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Larkspur (young plants & seeds)	<i>Delphinium species</i>	Digestive upset, nervousness, depression. Cardiovascular system affected. May cause dermatitis. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Laurel	<i>Prunus species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Lenton rose	<i>Helleborus orientalis</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Leopard lily	<i>Belamcanda species</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting. May cause a skin allergy.
Leyland cypress	<i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Lily	<i>Lilium species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Lily of the valley (leaves, flowers, roots)	<i>Convallaria species</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Lily of the valley bush	<i>Pieris japonica</i>	
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Locust	<i>Robinia species</i>	Nausea and weakness
Lupin (leaves, seeds)	<i>Lupinus species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Mallow	<i>Lavatera species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Maple Tree	<i>Acer species</i>	
Marijuana	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	Contains hallucinogens.
Marsh marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
May apple (apples, roots, foliage)	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Severe diarrhea. Nervous system affected.
Meadow rue	<i>Thalistrum delavayi</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Mezereon	<i>Daphne mezereum</i>	
Milkweed	<i>Ascepias syriaca</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Mistletoe (berries)	<i>Phoradendron flavescens</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis. If eaten by a puppy, a few berries <b>can be fatal.</b>
Monkshood	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	Digestive upset and nervous excitement. Cardiovascular system affected.
Morning glory (seeds, roots)	<i>Ipomea species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Moroccan broom	<i>Cytisus battandieri</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Mother-in-law's tongue (leaves)	<i>Dieffenbachia amaena</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis. Tremors, seizures, loss of

		balance, asphyxiation. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Mountain laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Naked ladies	<i>Colchium species</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Narcissus	<i>Narcissus (bulbs)</i>	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May cause dermatitis. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Needlepoint ivy (berries & leaves)		Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis.
Nerine	<i>Nerine bowdenii</i>	
Nightshades	<i>Solanum species</i>	Intense digestive disturbances. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Oak tree (foliage & acorns)	<i>Quercus species</i>	Affects kidneys. Symptoms appear after several days.
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset, extremely poisonous. May cause dermatitis. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Onion	<i>Allium species</i>	Causes anemia. <b>Onions should not be fed to dogs in any form.</b>
Paspalum (seeds)	<i>Paspalum species</i>	Dermatitis
Pasque flower	<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Peace lily	<i>Spathiphyllum species</i>	Gastrointestinal tract affected. May cause dermatitis.
Peach (stones & leaves)	<i>Prunus persica</i>	Contain cyanide.
Pencil cactus	<i>Opuntia leptocaulis</i>	
Peony (roots)	<i>Paeonia species</i>	
Peruvian lily	<i>Chlidanthus fragans</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Philodendron	<i>Philodendron species (leaves)</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.
Pineapple broom	<i>Cytisus battandieri</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Poinsettia (leaves, stems & sap)	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Diarrhea, abdominal cramps, delirium. Sap can cause irritation and if rubbed in eyes, blindness. May also cause dermatitis.
Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Nervous system affected. May cause dermatitis. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Poison ivy (leaves, bark & fruit)	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	Poisonous. Can cause severe blistering dermatitis if they come into contact with skin.
Poison oak (leaves, bark & fruit)	<i>Toxicodendron</i>	May cause dermatitis.
Poison sumac	<i>Toxicodendron vernix</i>	Poisonous. Can cause severe blistering dermatitis if they come into contact with skin.
Pokeroot	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Pokeweed	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Poppy (unripe seedpod)	<i>Papaver species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Potato (green skin & sprouts)	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	

Prickly poppy	<i>Argemone mexicana</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Primrose (leaves)	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Upset stomach. May cause dermatitis.
Privet (leaves)	<i>Ligustrum species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Ragwort	<i>Senecio species</i>	Causes kidney failure and liver damage which is irreversible. <b>Minute doses fatal</b> , often wrongly diagnosed.
Raisins		Causes kidney failure. Can be fatal.
Rape	<i>Brassicus napus</i>	Haemolytic anaemia, blindness, damage to nervous system, digestive disorders, breathing problems
Red-ink plant	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron species</i>	Nausea, vomiting, depression, difficulty breathing and coma. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Rhubarb (leaves)	<i>Rheum species</i>	Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions and coma. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
Rosebay	<i>Rhododendron aureum</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
Rose periwinkle	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Rue	<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting. May cause a skin allergy.
Sago palm	<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	<b>Can be fatal</b>
Savin	<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Schefflera	<i>Brassaia actinophylla</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Silkweed	<i>Asclepias species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Snowdrops	<i>Galanthus species</i>	
Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Spider plant	<i>Chlorophytum species</i>	May cause vomiting and salivation.
Spruce Tree	<i>Picea species</i>	
Spurge	<i>Euphorbia species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
Squill	<i>Scilla species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Star-of-Bethlehem (bulbs)	<i>Ornithogalum species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Starflower	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
St Johns Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
String of pearls/beads	<i>Senecio rowleyanus or herreianus</i>	
Sweet pea (stem)	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
Swiss cheese plant	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.
Taro vine	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Causes diarrhea and oral irritation if eaten. May cause dermatitis.

<b>Tiger lily</b>	<i>Lilium</i>	(Especially poisonous to cats)
<b>Tobacco plant (leaves)</b>	<i>Nicotiana</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
<b>Tobira</b>	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	
<b>Tomato plant (green fruit, stem &amp; leaves)</b>	<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i>	
<b>Tulip</b>	<i>Tulipa species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity. May cause a skin allergy.
<b>Umbrella plant</b>	<i>Schlefflera species</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing vomiting, diarrhea.
<b>Varnish tree</b>	<i>Toxicodendron vernicifluum</i>	Poisonous. Can cause severe blistering dermatitis if they come into contact with skin.
<b>Walnut (green hull juice)</b>	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	
<b>Water Dropwort (Hemlock)</b>	<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Rapid-onset violent convulsions. <b>Can be fatal</b>
<b>Water hemlock</b>	<i>Cicuta maculata</i>	Violent painful convulsions. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Wax tree</b>	<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>	Poisonous. Can cause severe blistering dermatitis if they come into contact with skin.
<b>Weeping fig</b>	<i>Ficus species</i>	
<b>Wild cherry tree (twigs &amp; foliage)</b>	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Gasping, excitement, prostration. <b>Can be fatal.</b>
<b>Windflower</b>	<i>Anemone species</i>	Harmful if eaten in quantity.
<b>Wisteria (pods, seeds)</b>	<i>Wisteria</i>	Nausea, repeated vomiting, stomach pains, severe diarrhea, dehydration and collapse.
<b>Wolfsbane</b>	<i>Aconitum septentrionale</i>	Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
<b>Woody nightshade</b>		Toxic if eaten, causing nausea and vomiting.
<b>Yarrow</b>	<i>Achillea species</i>	
<b>Yew (berries &amp; foliage)</b>	<i>Taxus species</i>	Dizziness, dry mouth and mydriasis develop within one hour, followed by abdominal cramping, salivation and vomiting. Foliage is more fatal than berries, death can be sudden without warning or symptoms. <b>Can be fatal.</b>



**List of common potentially poisonous household and garden substances –as supplied by the VPIS (Veterinary Poisons Information Service)**

**Anticoagulant rodenticides**

difenacoum  
bromadiolone  
brodifolone  
coumatetralyl

**Ibuprofen**

Nurofen  
Advil

**Metaldehyde**

Slug bait

**Human oral contraceptives** (very low toxicity)

**Chocolate / theobromine**

**Diclofenac sodium** (a similar drug to Ibuprofen)

**Salbutamol**

Ventalin inhalers

**Alphachloralose rodenticides**

**Paraquat**

**Wallpaper paste** (very low toxicity)

**Borax / Boric acid ant killer gels**

**Bonemeal**

**Glyphosate based herbicides**

**Asprin**

**Cannabis**

**Batteries**

**Bendiocarb**

powder ant killers

**White spirit / barbecue lighter fluid**

**Antifreeze**

**Loperamide**

anti-diarrhoea drugs

**Bleach**

**Pyrethrin-based insecticides**

**Creosote**

**Temazepam**

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