



Cats: Poisonous outdoor plants advice

– a visual guide to keeping your pet safe

Some outdoor plants are toxic or harmful to cats when brushed against or nibbled. Take a look at our flora-danger list and keep your house feline-friendly.

Cats are discerning eaters and usually will instinctively avoid eating many poisonous plants, but it is best to stay vigilant.



Chrysanthemum

If flowers eaten



Lily

Most commonly ingested from cats getting pollen on their fur and then licking it off. But all parts are toxic; stamen, pollen and flower



Others outdoor plants to watch out for if eaten

Sweet pea, Poppy, Peony, Delphinium, Cornflower, Marigold, Ferns, Ivy, Holly, Mistletoe, Daffodil bulbs, Lupin, Foxglove, Iris, Snowdrop, Wisteria

What should I do if I think my cat's eaten a poisonous flower or plant?

Do

- Take them to a vet immediately
- Give your vet information about what you think your cat has consumed
- Keep other pets away from the source

Do not

- Wait for symptoms or assume they will go away
- Try to make your cat vomit or feed them salt water
- Panic

Prevention is better than a visit to the vets!

For more details of these plants go to www.cats.org.uk/dangerous-plants

Symptoms of poisoning

The symptoms of poisoning aren't always obvious and they can vary but here are a few of the most common signs:

- Increased thirst
- Confused/uncoordinated
- Drooling
- Difficulty breathing
- Fitting/seizures
- Vomiting