

# Poison Prevention Tips

The animal poison control says that the five most dangerous plants are:

1. **Lilies** are highly toxic to cats and can cause severe kidney damage within 24 to 48 hours.
2. **Azaleas** can produce vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, weakness, and central nervous system depression.
3. **Oleander** can cause gastrointestinal tract irritation, abnormal cardiac function, low body temperature and possible death.
4. **Sago Palms** can cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures and liver failure. The plants seeds appear to contain the largest amount of toxins.
5. **Castor Bean Plants** contain ricin, a highly toxic protein, that can cause severe abdominal pain, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, weakness and loss of appetite.

If you suspect your pet has consumed a toxic plant or substance you should contact your veterinarian immediately. Or you can call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435. A consultation fee will be charged to the caller telephone bill.