

# OUT AND ABOUT



## **Pesticides** and herbicides

While off-the-shelf products are generally safe for pets, they can present dangers if brushed against or swallowed.



#### **Adders**

Adders are most likely to bite in spring when they've just come out of hibernation. Their venom is highly dangerous to cats.



#### Cocoa mulch

Like chocolate, cocoa-based garden soil dressing contains theobromine which poses a potentially lethal risk.



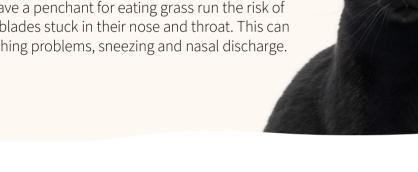
### Wasps and bees

Most wasp and bee stings are not emergencies, but veterinary help may be needed if your dog is stung in the mouth or neck, or is allergic.



### **Grass blades**

Cats who have a penchant for eating grass run the risk of getting the blades stuck in their nose and throat. This can cause breathing problems, sneezing and nasal discharge.



# FLOWERS AND PLANTS



#### **Daffodils**

The bulbs are particularly poisonous and, if eaten, can trigger severe vomiting and diarrhoea and possibly even death.



## **Buttercups**

A common sight in gardens during springtime, buttercups are mildly poisonous and can cause drooling, vomiting and even seizures.



## **Rhododendrons** and azaleas

These contain a highly toxic substance called grayanotoxin which can cause nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing and coma.



## Tulips, amaryllis and hyacinth

While not as toxic as daffodils, the bulbs of these flowers are dangerous if eaten in large quantities.



# Lilies

All parts of a lily are toxic to cats and can cause convulsions and are potentially fatal when eaten.



# FOOD AND DRINKS



### **Chocolate**

Especially common around Easter, chocolate contains a stimulant called theobromine, a bit like caffeine, that's poisonous to cats.



# **Spring onions**

Can cause stomach irritation and lead to red blood cell damage and anaemia.





#### Hot cross buns

Grapes, raisins, currants and sultanas, as well as foods that contain them, can be toxic to cats.



