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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

Hot cross buns
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