

Keep a Spring in their step

by avoiding
these hazards



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.

