

This Spring, watch out for these

dog 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.



Cocoa mulch

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



Slugs and snails

Dogs can catch lungworm, a potentially fatal disease, by eating slugs and snails which are carrying the larvae of the parasite.



Adders

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



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.

Flowers and plants



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.



Buttercups

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



Tulips, amaryllis and hyacinth

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

Food and drinks



Chocolate

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



Hot cross buns

All grapes, raisins, currants and sultanas, as well as foods that contain them, are toxic to dogs.



Spring onions

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



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