

Avoid the Following:

Perennials

- ***Chrysanthemum*** - Consuming any part of this autumn bloom can cause discomfort and loss of coordination for your four-legged friend.
- ***Carnation*** - They're not as harmful as other perennials, but they can cause mild gastrointestinal problems for your beloved pet.
- ***Dahlia*** - Eating this delicate petal may lead to mild gastrointestinal suffering and dermatitis.
- ***Daisy*** - Even though most consider this flower as the weed of the garden, certain species carry dangerous toxins.
- ***Iris*** - As indicative of its name (meaning rainbow), irises come in many different colors, but that generous offering of hues could come at price for your pet. Symptoms include: mild to moderate vomiting, drooling, lethargy, and diarrhea.
- ***Lily of the Valley*** - We adore this shady flower, but it can produce serious symptoms in pets and people, including vomiting, heart arrhythmias, seizures, and, ultimately, death.
- ***Monkshood*** - This one is a dead giveaway, considering its more common moniker "wolfsbane."
- ***Peony*** - The garden and bouquet filler is a favorite among Southerners, but it poses a health hazard to our pets, including vomiting, excessive drooling, and diarrhea.
- Other toxic perennials you should be aware of are ***Forget-Me-Nots***, ***Peace Lilies***, ***Coleus***, ***Lavender***, and ***Lenten Rose***.

Annuals

- ***Begonia*** - These tubers are toxic, and can cause irritation of the mouth and difficulty swallowing.
- ***Geranium*** - Commonly grown in outdoor gardens, containers, and hanging baskets, the *Pelargonium* species is toxic for pets, causing skin rashes, low blood pressure, lethargy, and loss of appetite.