

SOME PLANTS WHICH ARE TOXIC TO CATS (by no means a comprehensive list!)

Lilies

Eucalyptus

Jade

Milkweed

Onion

Tomato

Daffodils

Hyacinths

Mistletoe

Azalea

Croton (Joseph's Coat)

Caladium (Elephant Ear)

Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane)

Ficus (rubber plants, weeping and variegated fig plants)

Philodendron

Monstera (Swiss Cheese Plant)

Oleander

Poinsettia

Christmas Cherry

Holly Berries

SIGNS OF INGESTION

Every plant toxin can cause a different reaction. For example, if your cat eats a plant in the onion family, it could harm your kitty's red blood cells and cause anemia, leading to weakness, reduced appetite and pale gums. If your cat consumes a jade plant, they might vomit or seem uncoordinated, according to the ASPCA.

While side effects differ depending on the specific plant, there are common signs of poisoning you can watch out for, including:

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Coughing

Difficulty breathing

Disorientation

Heart palpitations

Loss of appetite

Dilated pupils

Excessive licking or scratching

Unless you catch your cat in the act, you may not know they've ingested toxic plant material. If your kitty exhibits any of these signs for an unknown reason and has access to plants or flowers poisonous to cats, contact your veterinarian right away.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CAT INGESTS A POISONOUS PLANT

If you suspect your cat has ingested poisonous plants, call your vet immediately. If your vet isn't available, call a pet poison control center. Keep these phone numbers handy in the event of an emergency.