

From the lovely Poinsettia that many homes have at Christmas time, to the weird looking pods on the Stephanotis floribunda (fake jasmine) there are many plants that are dangerous for your pets. Puppies are more at risk because of their size but these poisonous plants can be fatal to any dog or cat.

HOLLY

Maybe not seen as much in Spain as in the UK, holly can give your pet some very bad gastrointestinal problems. The most toxic parts of the holly are the red leaves and the berries. The first sign is usually vomiting and diarrhoea but can also be evident in problems with swallowing and unusual salivation, especially in cats. Your pet may also show signs of neurological problems.



POINSETTIA

This Christmas plant can be very toxic for your pet. If your cat or dog chews any of the leaves it will ingest the sap from inside and this is the most toxic part usually causing diarrhoea, swallowing problems and inflammation to areas of contact including eyes.



STEPHANOTIS (MADACASCAR JASMINE)

Although the plant itself is not considered poisonous to animals, the seed pods are very deadly if ingested.

You may never have seen a pod on your stephanotis – but you need to check regularly as they can appear after years of not being present on the plant.



THE POD

THE PLANT



If you suspect your pet has eaten any of these then take the pet immediately to the vet – you might want to ring ahead and tell them about possible poisoning.