

Puppy Love

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

According to the Pet Poison Helpline, most fertilizers contain a wide assortment of potentially toxic substances including iron, nitrogen, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides. Even if the chemicals don't poison your dog, consumption of fertilizer, even organic varieties, can result in internal obstructions or pancreatic emergencies, and even be fatal if consumed in large amounts. Two common sources of organic fertilizer are blood meal and bone meal, and they are everything their names imply.

Blood meal is flash-frozen blood that is ground up and used as a nitrogen source to enrich soil, but when ingested it can cause vomiting and diarrhea and lead to pancreatitis that can be painful and potentially fatal.

Bone meal is another soil supplement that can be harmful to dogs. It is made from actual animal bones. Dogs, if given the opportunity, are naturally going to eat this type of fertilizer. When eaten, bone meal forms into a solid, concrete-like ball in the stomach and can obstruct the intestinal tract. Surgery may be necessary to remove this organic fertilizer.

For the safety of your little doxie it is important to check the labels and be informed about the contents of all products you use on your lawn and in your garden.



Common poisonous flowering bulbs:
tulips, daffodils, narcissus & hyacinths.

(This is not a complete list.)



Digging for Flowers

It's true, man and dog alike love to dig in the dirt, and when it comes to flowers this is especially true. People spend hours planting flowering bulbs dreaming of that distant spring day when the blooms will explode in a beautiful array of color. Dogs however, love to dig up those same beautiful flowers because that's just what dogs do and by the instinct of where their nose is leading them.

Dogs are more likely to dig up poisonous bulbs planted in organic fertilizers because of the appetizing combination of aromas. Whether they dig them up from a garden or snack on some bulbs waiting to be planted, ingesting these flowers in large amounts can cause severe health problems including increased heart and respiratory rate, foreign body obstruction, and, in rare cases, cardiac arrhythmias.



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