

## Beware of Poisonous Plants

As we get back out into nature now that the weather has begun to turn warmer, we are also seeing that the greenery is back with a vengeance too. For most people there is little to be concerned about with the return of the green stuff. But for dogs, it's not quite that easy. Those plants may be harmless and then again they may not be harmless. Do you know what to look for?

We could go into a very lengthy discussion here that could take many hundreds of pages, but we won't do that. Thanks to our great friend and supporter Rhonda Champion and her website Spirit of Deaf Dogs (<http://www.spiritofdeafdogs.org>), we have this list to share with you instead.

There are no photos of the various plants listed, but if you want to see a photo of a particular plant I am sure you can find plenty of photographs online by using our favorite (and preferred search site) <http://www.goodsearch.com>. Please bear in mind that just because a plant is listed here does NOT necessarily mean that it IS toxic just that it MIGHT be toxic. Nor is this list intended to be considered all-inclusive.

PLANT	TOXIC PARTS	PLANT TYPE	PLANT	TOXIC PARTS	PLANT TYPE
Aconite	roots, foliage, seeds	garden flower	Jack-in-the-pulpit	entire plant esp. roots, leaves	wildflower
Apple	seeds	cultivated tree	Jatropha	seeds	tree, shrub
Arrowgrasses	leaves	marsh plants	Jerusalem Cherry	unripe fruit, foliage	ornamental plant
Atropa belladonna	entire plant esp. seeds, roots	garden herb	Jimsonweed	entire plant esp. seeds	field plant
Autumn Crocus	entire plant	garden flower	Laburum	seeds, pods, flowers	ornamental plant
Azaleas	entire plant	cultivated & wild shrub	Lantana	foliage	house plant
Baneberry	berries, roots	wildflower	Larkspur	young plants	wildflower
Bird-of-Paradise	Pods	garden flower	Laurels	leaves	shrub
Black locust	entire plant esp. bark, shoots	tree	Lily of the valley	leaves, flowers	garden & wildflower
Bloodroot	entire plant esp. stem, roots	wildflower, herb	Lupines	seeds, pods	shrub
Box	entire plant esp. leaves	ornamental shrub	Manchineel Tree	sap, fruit	tree
Buckeye	sprouts, nuts, seeds	tree	Matrimony vine	leaves, shoots	ornamental vine
Buttercup	entire plant esp. leaves	wildflower, garden herb	Mayapple	unripe fruit, roots, foliage	wildflower
Caladium	entire plant	house plant	Milk vetch	entire plant	wildflower
Carolina jessamine	flowers, leaves	ornamental plant	Mistletoe	berries	house plant
Castor bean	entire plant esp. beans	house plant	Monkshood	entire plant esp. roots, seeds	wildflower
Chinaberry tree	berries	tree	Moonseed	fruit, roots	vine
Chockcherries	leaves, cherries, pit	wild shrub	Morning glory	seeds, roots	wildflower
Christmas berry	leaves	shrub	Mountain Mahogany	leaves	shrub
Christmas Rose	rootstock, leaves	garden flower	Mustards	seeds	wildflower
Common privet	leaves, berries	ornamental shrub	Narcissus	bulbs	garden flower
Corn cockle	seeds	wildflower, weed	Nicotiana	leaves	garden flower

Cowbane	entire plant esp. root	wildflower, herb	Nightshade	leaves, berries	wildflower, vine
Cow cockle	seeds	wildflower, weed	Oaks	shoots, leaves	tree
Cowslip	entire plant esp. leaves, stem	wildflower, herb	Oleander	leaves	ornamental shrub
Daffodil	bulbs	garden flower	Philodendrons	entire plant	house plant
Daphne	bark, berries, leaves	ornamental shrub	Pokeweed	roots, seeds, berries	field plant
Day lily	entire plant is toxic to cats	garden & wildflower	Poison hemlock	leaves, stem, fruit	field plant
Death Camas	leaves, stems, seeds, flowers	field herb	Potato	shoots, sprouts	garden plant
Delphinium (Larkspur)	entire plant esp. sprouts	wildflower	Rattle box	entire plant	wildflower
Dumbcane	entire plant	house plant	Rhododendron	leaves	ornamental shrub
Dutchman's breeches	roots, foliage	wild & garden flower	Rhubarb	leaves	garden plant
Easter lily	entire plant is toxic to cats	flowering house plant	Rosary pea	seeds	house plant
Elderberry	leaves, bark, roots, buds	tree	Sago palm	entire plant esp seeds	ornamental plant
Elephant's ear	entire plant	house plant	Skunk cabbage	entire plant esp roots, leaves	marsh plant
English Ivy	entire plant esp. leaves, berries	ornamental vine	Smartweeds	sap	wildflower
European Bittersweet	entire plant esp. berries	vine	Snow-on-the-mountain	sap	field plant
False Flax	seeds	wild herb	Sorghum	leaves	grass
False hellebore	roots, leaves, seeds	ornamental flower	Star of Bethlehem	entire plant	wildflower
Fan weed	seeds	wildflower, herb	Velvet grass	leaves	grass
Field peppergrass	seeds	wildflower, herb	Wild black cherry	leaves, pits	tree
Flax	seedpods	wildflower, herb	Wild radish	seeds	wildflower
Foxglove	leaves	wild & garden flower	Wisteria	Pods, seeds	ornamental plant
Holly	berries	shrub	Woody aster	entire plant	wildflower
Horsechestnut	nuts, sprouts	tree	Yellow jessamine	entire plant	ornamental vine
Horse nettle	entire plant esp. berries	wildflower, herb	Yellow oleander	entire plant esp. leaves	garden plant
Hyacinth	bulbs	wild & house plant	Yellow pine flax	entire plant esp. seedpods	wildflower
Iris	leaves, roots	wild & garden flower	Yew	bark, leaves, seeds	ornamental tree

**\*\*\*\*\*Be A Pal, Save A Dal\*\*\*\*\***

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closest to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

**Tick removal...**

Last month we asked you to share with us your suggestions for removing ticks. Here's one that came in and seems to work very well. To remove a tick, apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and hold it there for a few seconds (about 15-20 seconds). The tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

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# Ask The Trainer

## Adding Another Dog

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**Question:** We think our dog is lonely and are thinking of getting a second dog to keep him company. Any Advice?

**The Trainer Answers:** In order to make the best choice for your situation, there are several things to consider. First, do YOU want a second dog or are you only considering another dog for your current dog? In most cases, I do not recommend adding another dog unless you really want one. While another dog might give your current dog a buddy to play with and keep him company, you will have the extra work of another dog, including training, walking, feeding, etc. Some dogs really prefer to be an only dog and some are much happier with canine companions.

If your current dog suffers from separation anxiety, adding a second dog might or might not resolve the issue. If this is your reason for adding another dog, and it does not work, what will you do?

Are you thinking of adding a second dog to help burn off the seemingly nonstop energy of your current dog? Do you think your current dog is bored and you can resolve boredom and any resulting behavior issues by bringing home a playmate for your dog? What if you bring home another dog and the two dogs do not play well together?

Does your dog have opportunities to visit and play with other dogs now? If so, does he get along well with most other dogs? Or does he only seem to like certain dogs? Does he play well with other dogs, or does he not seem to have that much interest in the other dogs? Does he display appropriate social skills when interacting with other dogs? If your dog does like to play with other dogs, could you take him to day care, schedule play dates with friends, or take him to the dog park?

Does your dog do well in sharing your attention with others? Does your dog guard resources, such as food, bones, toys, beds and his human family members? Is your dog well-behaved in the house and out in public? If you have any current behavior issues with your dog, you should consider addressing those issues before adding another dog. A well-behaved dog will help a new dog learn to be well-behaved. A dog with poor manners or bad habits can just as easily teach a new dog those bad habits.

If you decide you do want to add another dog, carefully take into consideration the personality of your current dog. Is he submissive and easy-going? Does he tend to be bossy or pushy with others?

When adding another dog, you are generally better off choosing a dog that is not the same gender as your current dog, and is not the same age. Statistically speaking, dogs in the same household are more likely to have problems if they are the same gender and around the same age – particularly two female dogs. For example, if you have a more mature female dog who likes to control the dog toys and bones, you will generally have more success in bringing home a younger male dog who will easily give up the toys and bones.

If you want to make sure a new dog can play with your current dog, you also need to consider their play styles. A dog who loves to play rough and wrestle around will probably not play well with a dog who loves to play chase but never wants to wrestle. If you want them to play well together, you are usually better off (and safer) choosing a dog of similar size.

I recommend having the two dogs meet before you make a final decision. Have them meet on neutral ground, and take them for a walk together before you turn them loose to play or interact.

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## Summer Pet Safety

Yep, it's that time of year again. The covers are coming off the pools and hot tubs, the umbrellas go up over the table on the patio or deck, the lounge chairs come out of storage, and the sun screen gets applied. Summer's here!

So you need to make sure that you make your yard as safe as possible for your pets and small children alike. Ensure that the swimming pools are fenced off and the gates are locked to prevent pets and kids from wandering poolside and falling in. And when the gates are open, make sure you are paying attention. It only takes a second for tragedy to strike.

When you start up the grill, make sure that Rover isn't roving too close. All those tempting smells might prompt your pup to wander closer to the grill than they should be and a burn could be the result.

Make sure that you have plenty of shade for your dog since the patios, driveways and decks can get quite hot to the pads of their feet.

And possibly most important is to ensure that your dog has access to plenty of fresh water to drink!

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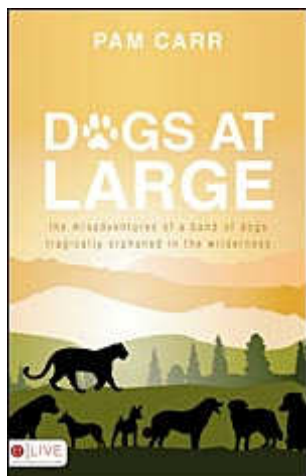
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# Bits & Pieces

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## Recommended Reading

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Hi and Happy Spring from The Old Dog House!

Just wanted to share this news with you. One of the directors of The Old Dog House. Pam Carr, just had her first book published!. The title is *Dogs at Large* - a charming story based on the characters of some of the dogs at the rescue. *Dogs at Large* is a light hearted look at the serious problem of dog abandonment: a band of six dogs, orphaned when their human Mother dies, sets off into the wilderness to avoid the pitfalls of 'the system'. Their adventures range from the comic to the tragic, but devotion and friendship pull them through the greatest challenges of their lives. EVERYONE WHO READS IT SEEMS TO LOVE IT!

If you are interested in buying a copy (book \$12.99, Audio book \$19.99) you can order NOW from Pam, email [theolddoghouse@yahoo.com](mailto:theolddoghouse@yahoo.com) or directly from the publisher, [tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://tatepublishing.com/bookstore) and type in the book name. (Books will be available at book stores and on Internet outlets July 7th.)

All author's proceeds will go to support The Old Dog House.

If you are a no-kill rescue or shelter and would like to use this book as a fund raising item, order directly from Pam for a 40% discount on 10 copies or more.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sindy @ The Old Dog House

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## A New Place To Help Your Pooch Look Good

Bellevue Animal Clinic, in Englewood, Colorado, now offers Boarding and Grooming services!! Yep, there's another place in town that you can get your spotted wonder pampered when you can't be there to do it yourself.

Daily rates for Boarding are \$22 for dogs and \$14 for cats. If your dog is particular about his or her own things, fear not... they allow you to provide your pet's own bed, bowls, toys, etc.

Full service grooming includes bathing with natural shampoos and conditioners, fluff drying, brush out, breed/coat appropriate haircut with a bow or bandana, nail clipping, ear cleaning, plucking and anal gland expression all conducted with veterinary supervision in their clinic building. Other services may be added for an additional fee. Cost for grooming services depend on the breed and size of your dog and any unusual conditions requiring additional time and effort.

Be sure to check out their website (<http://www.bellevueanimalclinic.com/services>) for specific details about this new service they are offering. Bellevue Animal Clinic has worked with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado for a long time so we are happy to help spread the word about them and all they do for the dogs. Please check them out if you are in the area and ever need a groomer or boarding facility.

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## Pet Friendly Burgers

With summer about here, it's finally time to think about cookouts. With this recipe, even your 'hotdog' can have a hamburger!

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground turkey (to keep them lean)
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning (to give 'em flavor)
- 1 carrot, shredded (to add some vitamins)
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped (to add some veggies)
- 1 large egg (to keep it all together)

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients. Form into patties. Throw (ok, place) on the grill. Cook to desired temperature. Enjoy! (after cooled, of course)

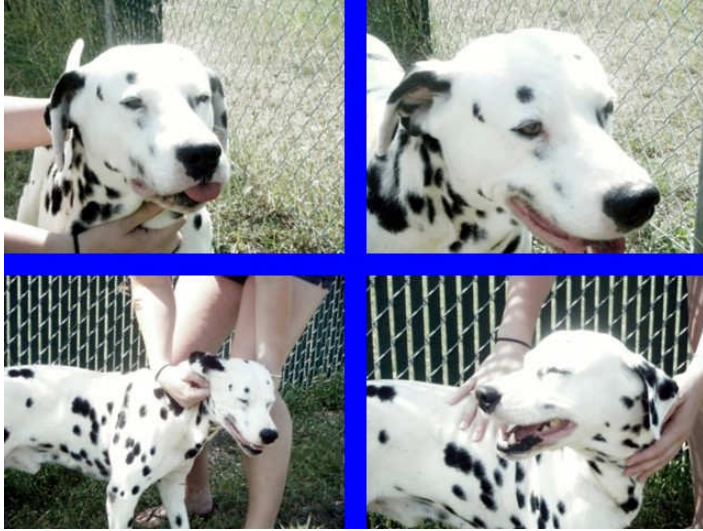
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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatian

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## Antonio



4 Years Old, Black Male  
Reason Available: Stray  
Other Shelter, San Antonio, Texas

Antonio is in San Antonio, TX where he was rescued from a kill shelter. He is an intact male, approximately 4 years old, but will be neutered soon. He is very calm, has a great disposition, loves people and seems to do well with other dogs too. Antonio has a ride to Colorado later in June, or he can be adopted in Texas as well. Antonio has been moved to a boarding kennel until we can find and adopter or a foster home. He is just darn sweet and sure is pretty too!

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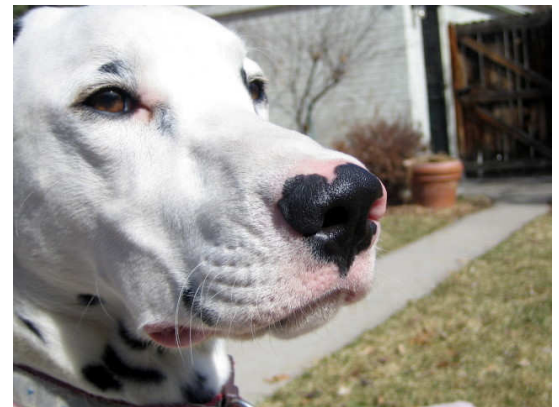
## Happy Beginning Story

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### Willie

(aka Kerry)

Hi, my name is Willie. I was adopted by Jean and George in March, after they had to say their forever 'good-byes' to Chester (Dalmatian rescue, 1989) on Christmas Eve. I'm not sure I ever made it to the Dalmatian Rescue site because when Beth mentioned me to Jean and George they went to visit me at my adoptive mom, Aaren. When they got there, I became really sick and Aaren took me to the vet to find out I had bacteria meningitis, perhaps from the shelter. At the end of the week, I was feeling better and Jean and George came to take me home. I love my new home and all the neighbor dogs. I have completed two obedience classes which have helped me to socialize and learn some much needed commands which I do when I feel like it. Actually, my obedience teacher said that I made the most gains and would be a fabulous dog. :))



The best part of being with Jean and George is going to the cabin in the mountains where I discovered water. I love to jump into the pond and run up and down the streams. And, I learned that there are many chipmunks that invade the property, so I have to be most vigilant in looking for them. Actually, Tug, my cousin (by marriage) a 100 lb yellow lab taught me about rodents and how prevalent they are in yards and trees. My other favorite places are the two parks near our house and Cherry Creek State Park where I love to run with other dogs and play in the water. I am very happy that they found me and I have a place to feel safe and loved.

I am grateful to Beth, Aaren and the Dalmatian Rescue organization which provides an excellent 'search' and 'rescue' for spotty bodies like me.

Willie, Jean and George Stracy

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**Please don't forget... if you haven't sent in your Happy Beginnings Story yet, why not do it right now while it's fresh in your mind! It's never too late to see your story in print!!**

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