

**"Are Fuchsias poisonous to dogs?"**  
Salem Branch Newsletter

As AFS Bulletin Editors, Rodney and I receive your Salem Branch Newsletter. In today's mail was your April issue and at the end of your newsletter was a question, **Are fuchsias toxic to dogs?** The following response was sent to the Salem Branch answering their newsletter question. **No, fuchsias are not naturally toxic or poisonous.** That's why we can eat the berries and make jelly or fruit breads. However, if the plant has been feed or sprayed with a systemic pesticide or insecticide, then the plant has absorbed the chemicals of that product and may be hazardous. It is important that everyone read and understand the labels of all products used on their plants.

I have two website that are an excellent reference for fuchsia and other garden plants.

1. **Cornell University:** I like this one, because Cornell is a Veterinary College they have the best list for toxic plants. Pets, just like 2 year olds will eat anything.

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/index.html> Click on "Find-by botanical name" and scroll down to find "Fuchsia". It is not there because fuchsias are non-toxic.

2. **Washington Poison Center:** This one lists plants that are non-toxic.

<http://www.wapc.org/poisons/plantlist.htm> Scroll down through "Common non-toxic (safe) plants". Fuchsia will be listed here.

Happy fuchsia growing to all of you at the Salem Branch of AFS,  
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