

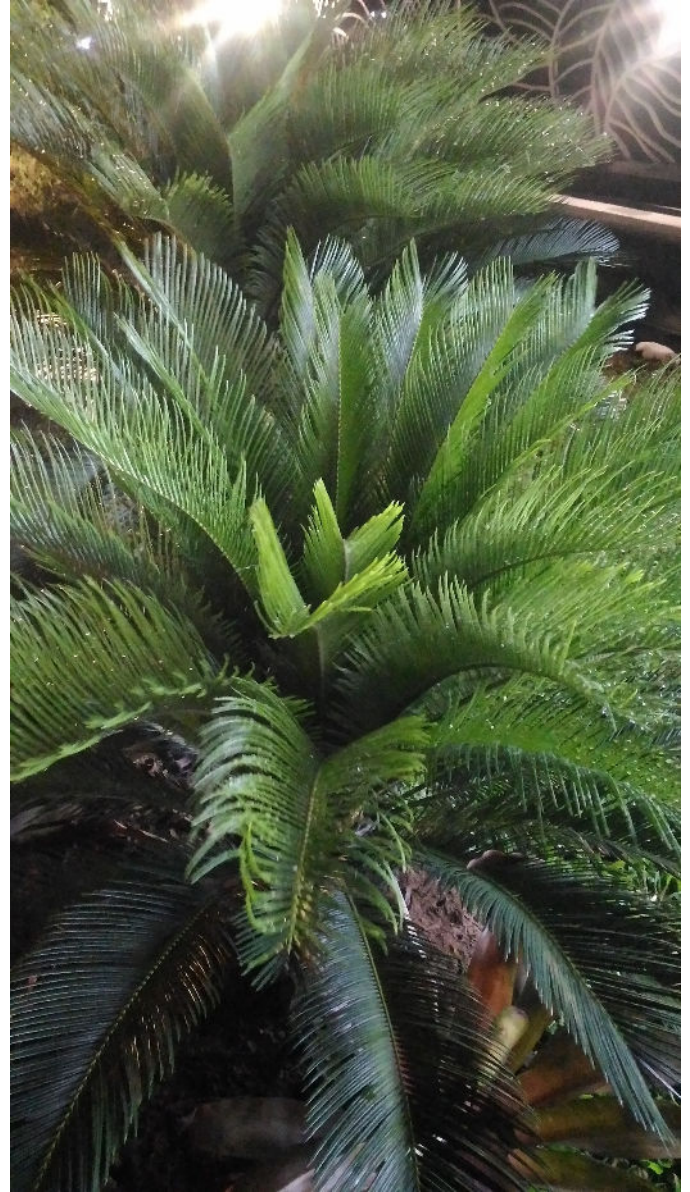
# Cycad Toxicity

## Information about Cycad Toxicity

Cycads, commonly known as 'Sago Palms' are a common ornate plant in Queensland gardens. All parts of the sago palm are highly toxic to dogs, however, the seeds carry the most amount of the toxin, the toxin is called cycasin. Unfortunately, the seeds and leaves are often quite palatable to dogs. The toxin can cause severe gastrointestinal disease and acute liver failure in dogs, without treatment it is often fatal.

Symptoms of the poisoning may include vomiting directly after eating the plant, however, sometimes it may take up to 24 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms to develop. The liver failure symptoms usually do not occur for 24-48 hours post-ingestion. Vomiting (with or without blood), diarrhea (with or without blood), lethargy, inappetence and depression are all symptoms of Cycad toxicity. It is very important to seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if there is known ingestion or suspicion of cycad ingestion.

There is no antidote for cycad toxicity so therapy is supportive and directed based on the patients' clinical signs. If the plant was known to have been recently ingested, vomiting is induced by your veterinarian with/without gastric (stomach) lavage and/or endoscopic removal of parts of the plant.



**If you're concerned your pet has Cycad Toxicity or has serious vomiting and diarrhoea please seek veterinary attention early. Our team of amazing veterinarians are available 24/7 for any emergencies when your vet is not available. Feel free to call us if you aren't sure you should see a veterinarian or not, and our team can assist you.**



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