

Health Hazards that Can be Found in Your Yard.

Sago Palm Nuts

Dusty was found chewing what his owner thought was a "fat pecan nut". She pulled the pieces out of his mouth and thought no more about it as it was his habit for everything to go into his mouth. Dusty had just turned one year old on February 6th.

It turns out the "nuts" were from a Sago Palm and were carried into their yard by squirrels. Dusty's owners had removed their Sago Palm prior to getting their first Cavalier, Beemer, five years earlier.

A week went by before Dusty exhibited intestinal symptoms and he was rushed to their vet. Dusty's liver enzymes were off the chart. When the owner came home from dropping Dusty off, she took Beemer for a walk rather than let him in their backyard. When she returned home, she found 8 more "nuts" on her newly mulched front flower beds.

Over the next several weeks, Dusty fought the liver poisoning, but to no avail.

Please do what you can to remove Sago Palms from your yard and warn anyone with curious young children or dogs how dangerous the Sago Palm truly is. Watch for these "nuts" as they can be carried quite a distance by the backyard critters. See the photo below to help you recognize them.



Poisonous Mushrooms

This is the story about Lacey... My heart is broken for what happened to her. I miss her everyday.

[Kingwood resident's King Charles spaniel dies after ingesting poisonous mushroom](#)



I do not want to cause a panic, I just want people to be aware of what these toxins do and how quickly it can take a life. The vet specialist as well as the mushroom specialists have seen a handful of these cases and it always ends in a very toxic death. We tried everything we could to save her but it was too late. The poisonous mushrooms are common as we have seen them everywhere especially after it rains. I want others to know how deadly this mushroom is and how it can affect pets and others.

