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## **HEALTH ALERT! - Sago Palm Plant Toxic to Pets**

In a news alert issued today, the ASPCA has reported on the death of a lab mix due to the ingestion of parts of a sago palm plant. This plant, with dark green leaves and a hairy trunk has become a popular house plant and is very toxic to pets. The Animal Poison Control Center, operated by the ASPCA, reports that since 2003 the number of reported animal poisonings due to the sago palm plant has increased by 200%. Fifty to seventy-five percent of those cases resulted in a fatality.

All parts of the sago palm plant are considered to be toxic. Typical signs of ingestion include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, depression, seizures and liver failure.

For more information on the Animal Poison Control Center and plants that are toxic to pets, check out this link: <http://aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/>

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