

[Oilseed Rape Fields and Danger to Dogs](#)



With a number of fields adjacent to foot paths and common walking areas for local dogs please be aware that allowing a dog to run freely through the crop could be dangerous. There is some evidence that the plant can be toxic to dogs, and it can cause severe abrasion to eyes and ears. Also as it ripens and the pods and stems harden it develops a 'dust' that can lead to breathing problems in animals and humans. There are a number of web sites that give details (including some distressing images of affected animals) some sites are more authoritative than others.

Rather than repeat that information I have listed some sites I have found here with a couple of short extracts. Click on the short links or copy and paste them directly into your web browser address bar.

I am not an expert on this matter and in all things I suggest that information found on the internet shouldn't always be taken at face value but I think there is enough evidence to recommend not allowing your dog to chase through the crop. *Graham Legg*

From the **Edinburgh News website**, Edinburgh Live.

There are the obvious dangers to our pets, like busy roads, but most would not suspect a field of crops. An owner has warned other pet owners about the dangers of Rapeseed after her dogs were left with agonising burns to their face and ears when they came into contact with the "toxic bomb" crop. Marnie O'Hare said: "For anyone who is not aware, Rapeseed (the yellow flowering crops in fields) can cause burns to animals. The photos are of my two hounds who were both burned."

WARNING: This link contains graphic images of injury to a dog after running through rape fields.

<https://bit.ly/2Ym9oke>

From the **Dogs Trust Facts Sheet** : "Rape; Brassica napus; Haemolytic anaemia, blindness, damage to nervous system, digestive disorders, breathing problems" <https://bit.ly/1xgHneN>

From a web site dedicated to warning of the dangers **of Oilseed Rape**. (May have an anti-oilseed rape agenda)

"Toxicity in Animals: There have been numerous anecdotal reports of domestic and wild animals, e.g. dogs, roe deer and rabbits, becoming unwell/dying after eating oilseed rape foliage and/or seeds. These anecdotal reports have been supported by a number of studies which have confirmed the oilseed rape crops are extremely toxic to animals both when grown in the field and after crushing into animal feed." <https://bit.ly/2VTpc0i>