**Aconitum napellus**

**Common name:**
Monkshood, Wolfsbane, Aconite

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Not known to be eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Toxic, high risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Toxic to all livestock, cats, dogs and humans.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Polycyclic diterpenoid alkaloids, eg. Aconite.

**Effects:**

*Signs and symptoms;*
- Restlessness, salivation,
- Bloating, belching, repetitive swallowing,
- Profound weakness, then collapse,
- Distorted heart beat, very weak pulse,
- Shallow respiration.

*In humans,* cold clammy skin, staggering, vertigo and giddyness.

**Health and Production Problems:**
- Slowing of breathing and heart rate,
- Substantial doses cause instant death.

*In humans,* small doses cause tingling and numbness in the tongue, throat, lips, and fingertips – sensation of ants crawling over the body.

**Treatment:**
No specific antidote, See Vet or Doctor.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
- Do not feed these garden clippings to any animal.
- Use herbicide, or weed out into disposable bags.

**Comments:**
- Garden plant, 22 species known.
- A group of perennials, with a thick black poisonous root stock.

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*Further Reading:*
- Kohnke. Feeding and Nutrition of Horses. 1988
- Wilson. Some Plants are Poisonous. 1997