**Hydrangea macrophylla**

**Common name:**
Hydrangea

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

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
- Potentially toxic to all animals, including domestic pets and horses.

**Poisonous Principle:**
- Cyanogenic glycosides.
- Alkaloids, saponins, resins.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms:*
- Acute gastro-enteritis.
- Skin irritation in humans.

*Health and Production Problems:*
- Affected animals soon recover.

**Treatment:**
- Try activated charcoal, or kaolin.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
- A garden plant.
- Prune clippings into disposable bags.
- Do not feed any of this plant to any livestock.

**Comments:**
- Deciduous, or evergreen shrubs growing to about two metres high, grown for their large domed or flattened flowerheads.
- Upper leaves are shiny, oval and bright green, tapering to a point, with toothed margins.
- Flowers are in large clusters, either white, or pink or blue, depending on the acidity of the soil.

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