

## Why are dogs getting high in Queensland?

<p><b>Notes &amp; Cues:</b></p>	<p><b>Article:</b></p> <p>Recently, dog owners have been reporting strange behaviours from their furry friends.</p> <p>Marie Flink of northern Queensland is among those to notice such differences in their dogs. She explained that her dog Bam Bam "looked a little bit, a little bit crazy and then she was you know, licking her mouth ... and running around."</p> <p>As it turns out Bam Bam and other dogs in the area have been getting high from licking cane toads.</p> <p>The cane toad, perhaps one of Queensland's most annoying pests, has infested the tropical regions of Australia. Cane toads protect themselves by secreting a toxin from the glands on their back. When ingested, it can make the subject quite high.</p> <p>"Generally, we're presented with dogs that are salivating profusely, they're quite hyper-excited and they often can be tremoring ... worst cases they're seizing or they can even go into cardiac arrest, " said Brisbane vet Dr. Kirsty Fridemanis. "Dogs are curious, they want to put things in their mouth to have a bit of an idea of the smell and the taste and then find out what it is."</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the sheer amount of cane toads in Queensland and how difficult it is to remove them, the only sure prevention method is keeping dogs under strict surveillance.</p>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p>	