



Toxic and Non-Toxic Houseplants



Leaf and Paw's mini guide to keeping your new feline safe in a home of houseplants



Congratulations on adopting a beautiful bundle of fluff!

Cats are curious creatures who love to explore their new environment. For homes with houseplants, this may cause a problem. Plants are either safe or toxic for cats, especially when ingested. As a new pet owner, it's important to learn which plants are safe and which plants are not.



Toxic vs Non-Toxic Plants

Non-toxic plants will not cause harm to a cat if a small amount is ingested. However, if too much of a non-toxic plant is consumed, it can be dangerous. Always monitor your cat and move any plants that repeatedly get nibbled to a higher location and out of reach.

A toxic plant produces adverse affects if consumed by pets in any amount. If a cat swallows or eats parts of a toxic plant, immediate veterinary care is necessary. Keep toxic plants out of reach of overly inquisitive cats at all times.

Whether picking out a new houseplant or identifying those in your home, be sure to read the care tag to properly identify the plant. Keep this information/plant tag in case future reference is needed.

What to do if a toxic plant is ingested:

1. **Check your cat immediately for any warning signs: lethargy, drooling, vomiting, shaking, or trouble breathing.** Be sure to look at any stools and vomit for abnormalities.
2. For immediate help **call your local veterinarian or the 24-hour emergency APCC Pet Poison Hotline at (888) 426-4435.**
3. **Identify which plant was eaten** and save a piece of the plant in a small bag to take to the vet.
4. **Follow any instructions from your vet** and continue to monitor your pet for any abnormal signs or symptoms in the coming weeks.



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Non-Toxic Plants

- Spider Plant
- Calathea and Maranta varieties
- Palms - Areca, Parlour, Majesty, Ponytail
- Fern varieties
- Pilea varieties
- Gerbera Daisy
- Echeveria and Haworthia
- Hoya varieties
- African Violet
- Cast Iron plant
- Peperomia varieties
- Christmas and Easter Cactus
- Phalaenopsis Orchids
- Fittonia
- Bromeliads
- Tillandsia



Toxic Plants

- Dracaena, includes Lucky Bamboo, Corn Plant, Ribbon Plant, Sansevieria
- Ficus including Ficus benjamina, and Fiddle Leaf Fig (Ficus lyrata)
- Dieffenbachia and Dumbcane
- Cyclamen
- Begonia varieties
- Ivy, Arrowhead Vine, Laurel
- Lily, Anthurium, Peace Lily
- Schefflera
- Euphorbia varieties
- Pothos varieties
- Monstera varieties
- Chinese evergreen (Aglaonema modestum)
- Philodendron varieties
- Holiday plants such as Poinsettia, Holly, Amaryllis, Asparagus fern