

Plants and pets: home prevention

This list helps organize prevention. It cannot identify plants or rule out poisoning.

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Pet's name: _____ Date: _____

Houseplants and garden

- ☐ Plants identified by scientific name
- ☐ Toxic plants removed from pets' reach
- ☐ Bouquets checked before entering the home
- ☐ Fallen seeds, leaves and prunings cleared away

If an accident happens

- ☐ Emergency clinic number and address saved
- ☐ Carrier or leash easy to find
- ☐ All caregivers know not to give home remedies
- ☐ Plant photographs and labels kept for reference

Lilies and other hazards

- ☐ No Lilium or Hemerocallis lilies in a home with cats
- ☐ Vase water kept out of reach
- ☐ Sago palms, castor plants and decorative seeds inaccessible
- ☐ Tobacco and THC products stored securely

Other observations

Lilies in cats and sago palms: seek urgent care even without symptoms. Do not wait to finish this checklist. Photographs support identification but cannot confirm safety.

Your household plant inventory

Keep photographs and labels. Confirm the scientific identification; a common name or app cannot rule out risk.

Pet's name: _____ Date: _____

Plant / scientific name	Location / access	Photo / label	What to change

Who will check the garden, bouquets and prunings?

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After contact with a plant

Make notes only if this does not delay care. Do not induce vomiting or give milk, oil, salt, charcoal or medication without advice.

Pet's name: _____ Date: _____

Veterinarian and emergency clinic: phone, address, transport

Plant, part involved and time of contact

Possible amount, pet's weight and observed signs

Instructions received and time of veterinary care

Sources and photographs in the article: FDA, ASPCA, Pet Poison Helpline, MSD and poison information centers.

Coming soon: a pet first aid course

Criando Elos will offer a first aid course for dogs and cats. Follow the news on the website.

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