

# Pet-Friendly Houseplants

Although we do not condone your pets eating your plants, below is a list of safer options if you have critters that nibble. Some plants can still make them a little queasy, the same as if they ate a bunch of grass outside. Be sure to have the correct botanical name when choosing plants, many plants go by the same common name.

(spp. Abbreviation for multiple species)

- African Violets - *Saintpaulia ionantha*
- Areca Palm – *Dyopsis lutescens*
- Baby Tears - *Soleirolia soleirolii*
- Bamboo Palm - *Chamaedorea seifrizii*
- Banana Plant “Maurelli” - *Ensete ventricosum*
- *Bromeliad spp.*
- Burro’s Tail - *Sedum morganianum*
- Calathea/Goeppertia spp.
- Carnivorous Plants – *Drosera*, *Nepenthes*, *Sarracenia*, Venus Fly Trap
- Cast Iron – *Aspidistra elatior*
- China Doll - *Radermachera sinica*
- Chinese Fan Palm – *Livistona chinensis*
- Christmas Cactus – *Schlumbergera spp.*
- Club Moss – *Selaginella spp.*
- Creeping Begonia – *Pellionia repens*
- Creeping Charlie - *Pilea nummulariifolia*
- *Ctenanthe spp.*
- Ferns – see bottom of list.
- *Gloxinia spp.*
- Goldfish Plant - *Nematanthus wettsteinii*
- Grape Ivy – *Cissus Rhombifolia*
- *Haworthia spp.*
- *Hoya spp.*
- Jasmine – true jasmine such as *Jasminum sambac* and *Jasminum polyanthum*
- Kentia Palm - *Howea forsteriana*
- Lady Palm – *Rhapis excelsa*

- Lipstick Plant – *Aeschynanthus spp.*
- *Lithops spp.*
- *Maranta spp.*
- Money Tree – *Pachira aquatica*
- Moth Orchid – *Phalaenopsis spp.*
- Myrtle Tree - *Myrtus communis*
- Neathebella or Parlor Palm - *Chamaedorea elegans*
- Nerve Plant - *Fittonia spp.*
- *Peperomia spp.*
- Phoenix Palm - *Phoenix roebelenii*
- Pilea spp. – one species with conflicting information is *Pilea cadierei*
- Polka Dot Plant - *Hypoestes phyllostachya*
- Ponytail Palm - *Beaucarnea recurvata*
- Purple Passion – *Gynura aurantiaca*
- Rex Begonia Vine - *Cissus discolor*
- Spider Plant – *Chlorophytum spp.*
- String of Hearts – *Ceropegia woodii*
- *Stromanthe spp.*
- Sugar Vine - *Parthenocissus stricta*
- Swedish Ivy - *Plectranthus verticillatus*
- Thimble Cacti – *Mammillaria spp.*
- *Tillandsia spp.*
- Waffle Plant – *Hemigraphis alternata*
- Zebra Plant - *Aphelandra squarrosa*

## **Ferns**

- Austral Fern - *Asplenium 'Austral Gem*
- Bird's Nest Fern and Crispy Wave Fern - *Asplenium nidus*
- Blue Star Fern - *Phlebodium aureum*
- Boston Fern – *Nephrolepis exaltata*
- Brake Fern - *Pteris spp.*
- Button Fern - *Pellaea rotundifolia*
- Heart Fern - *Hemionitis arifolia*
- Jester Crown or Kimberly Queen Fern - *Nephrolepis obliterated*

- Kangaroo Fern - *Microsorium diversifolium*
- Maiden Hair Fern – *Adiantum* spp.
- Nicholas Diamond Fern - *Phlebosia* 'Nicolas Diamond'
- Rabbit's Foot Fern – *Davallia fejeensis*
- Staghorn Fern – *Platycterium* spp.

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