Choosing pet-safe houseplants

Use these checks before bringing a plant into a home with a cat or dog.

- [ ] Look up the exact plant name in the ASPCA toxic and non-toxic plant database.
- [ ] Choose spider plant, Boston fern, areca palm, bamboo palm, prayer plant or money tree.
- [ ] Keep peace lily, pothos and snake plant out of any home with pets.
- [ ] Place plants on high shelves or in hanging planters.
- [ ] Do not buy a plant for air cleaning, because the effect is tiny.
- [ ] Open windows to ventilate, since ventilation moves far more air than plants.
- [ ] Save the ASPCA poison hotline number, (888) 426-4435, in your phone.
- [ ] Call a veterinarian if a pet drools, vomits or struggles to swallow after chewing a plant.

Notes

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