TOXIC KITTY

New-kitten toxin safety pack

Kitten-proof by taking things away today, not by hoping they ignore them. Work room by room at floor level. If a kitten still finds a toxin, call a vet at once. Small body size raises the stakes.

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Start at floor level. That is a kitten's eye view. Check under sofas, behind appliances and inside open drawers. Tick what you have actually done.

Kitchen: the snack heist zone

- [ ] Keep chocolate, onions, grapes, alcohol, xylitol products and raw dough off counters and out of bins.
- [ ] Wipe or put away cleaning sprays left on worktops.
- [ ] Store laundry pods in the utility room, not in an open basket.
- [ ] Never leave food unattended on counters. Store scraps in a sealed bin.

Bathroom: the medicine cabinet

- [ ] Lock away paracetamol, ibuprofen, essential oils, mouthwash and minoxidil (hair-loss treatment).
- [ ] Lock away all other human and pet medicines, including pill bottles.
- [ ] Store cleaners under the sink with child locks. Keep cats out until surfaces are dry.

Living room: sofa patrol

- [ ] Check houseplants and any bouquet for true lilies. Remove lilies from cat-accessible rooms.
- [ ] Unplug essential-oil diffusers, or keep the kitten out of that room.
- [ ] Pick up dropped pills on nightstands, vapes, nicotine gum and charging cables.
- [ ] Secure blind cords. Put away rings, hair ties, rubber bands, string and tinsel.

Garden: the great outdoors

- [ ] Keep kittens off lilies, spring bulbs, slug pellets, fertilisers and compost.
- [ ] Store unplanted bulbs in sealed containers.
- [ ] After rain, keep kittens off lawn fungi. Do not identify wild mushrooms at home.

Garage: lock up the nasties

- [ ] Antifreeze, rat poison, petrol and pesticides are among the most lethal household toxins. Keep them capped and out of reach.
- [ ] Wipe driveway puddles. A coloured winter puddle is a vet call, not a wait-and-see.

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A plant check drawn from the same guides as the fridge poster, then a final sweep before the kitten comes home.

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Plant check: weed out the troublemakers

Remove true lilies and other emergency plants before a kitten arrives. Scan new pots before they come through the door.

- [ ] True lilies (Lilium and Hemerocallis): pollen, petals, leaves and vase water can cause acute kidney failure. Treat any contact as an emergency.
- [ ] Sago palm: all parts toxic, seeds worst, severe liver failure. Autumn crocus (Colchicum): an emergency, and not spring crocus.
- [ ] Common toxic houseplants on our pages: pothos, peace lily, calla lily, monstera, snake plant, aloe vera, dracaena, cyclamen, poinsettia and jade. Jade is marked toxic by ASPCA and Cats Protection; Animal PoisonLine lists it as pet-safe. Keep them out of reach, or rehome them.
- [ ] Garden plants our pages mark toxic: tulips, daffodils, amaryllis and hyacinth, chrysanthemums, carnations, holly and mistletoe, hydrangea.
- [ ] Species listed as non-toxic on our pages include spider plant, calathea, parlour palm, areca palm, Boston fern, moth orchid, living rosemary, roses, sunflowers and Christmas cactus. Any plant can still upset a stomach if overeaten.

Before the tiny boss moves in

- [ ] Walk every room at floor level once more. Open cupboards a kitten could nose into.
- [ ] Remove true lilies and lock medicines, cleaners and garage chemicals.
- [ ] Put this pack on the fridge. Fill in your vet and out-of-hours numbers before the kitten comes home.
- [ ] Scan new plants, foods and products with the Toxic Kitty app as the house fills up.

Not sure about something? Scan it first

The Toxic Kitty app checks plants, foods and household items for cat toxicity. Point your camera at a new plant, snack or spray before it reaches kitten level. If you are worried, always contact your vet.

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Keep this page on the fridge. Fill in your clinic numbers before the kitten arrives.

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Emergency contacts: fill me in first

Fill these in now, then keep the page on the fridge and in your phone. If something was already chewed or swallowed, stop ticking boxes and call.

Your vet

Name _____

Phone _____

Nearest out-of-hours vet

Name _____

Phone _____

ANIMAL POISONLINE

01202 509000

A 24-hour service run by the Veterinary Poisons Information Service. A fee applies per call. It does not replace your vet.

Notes

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- [ ] Call your vet straight away. Do not wait for signs to appear, and do not try to make the kitten sick unless a vet tells you to.
- [ ] Take the plant, packaging or a photo with you.
- [ ] Save your vet, your out-of-hours clinic and Animal PoisonLine in your phone as well as on this page.

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Sources: ASPCA, Cats Protection, Animal PoisonLine. Drawn from our new-kitten safety checklist and common cat toxins by room guides.
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