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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Dragon's Tongue

(*Sansevieria cylindrica*.)

The Dragon's Tongue, scientifically known as *Sansevieria cylindrica*, is a striking succulent characterized by long, cylindrical leaves that grow upright like spears. Its unique appearance and low-maintenance nature make it a popular choice for indoor plant enthusiasts.



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Origin: Native to arid regions of West Africa.

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant. It thrives in a variety of lighting conditions, from low to bright indirect light.



Light

Dragon's Tongue is adaptable to different light levels, making it an excellent choice for low-light environments. However, it will grow best with bright, indirect light. Rotate the plant occasionally for even growth.



Water

Allow the top 1-2 inches of the soil to dry out before watering. Dragon's Tongue is drought-tolerant and prefers slightly drier conditions. Overwatering can lead to root rot, so it's better to underwater. Water sparingly during the winter months.



Soil

Well-draining cactus or succulent soil mix, preferably with added perlite or sand to improve drainage



Fun fact

The cylindrical shape of its leaves is an adaptation to store water, allowing the plant to survive in arid conditions. This unique feature also makes it an attractive and distinctive houseplant.



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Pet Friendliness

Dragon's Tongue is considered mildly toxic to pets if ingested. It's advisable to keep it out of reach of curious pets or to choose non-toxic plants if you have pets at home.



Stress Signs

Leaf Yellowing: If the leaves start turning yellow or appear mushy, it's a sign of overwatering. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings to prevent root rot.

Stunted Growth: Slow or stunted growth can indicate inadequate light. If the plant's leaves are becoming leggy or losing their vibrant green color, it might need more light. Move it to a brighter location.

Brown Tips: Brown tips on the leaves can result from dry air or low humidity. Increase humidity around the plant by misting the leaves or using a humidity tray. Trim the brown tips with clean scissors to maintain its appearance.

Botanical Family: Asparagaceae

Botanical Name: Sansevieria cylindrica.

Common Name: Dragon's Tongue, African Spear Plant, Cylindrical Snake Plant.



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