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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Hot Dog Cactus



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Hot Dog Cactus
🌿 Dog Tail Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Hot Dog Cactus (*Disocactus flagelliformis*) is a beautiful trailing cactus native to Mexico. It has long, slender, cylindrical stems that resemble hot dogs or tails, giving the plant its funny common name. Mature plants can develop cascading stems over 1 meter long and produce spectacular bright pink or red flowers during spring and summer.



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Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 18°C to 28°C

Can Tolerate

- 10°C to 35°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves bright light.**

Ideal Light

- 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
- Bright indirect light indoors

Fertilizer

🌱 **Feed once every month during spring and summer.**

Recommended Fertilizers

- Succulent Fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

Soil

🌿 **Requires very well-draining succulent soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

- 40% River Sand or Perlite
- 40% Garden Soil
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost



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Humidity

 Prefers low humidity.

Ideal Humidity

• 30%–50%

Reproduction

 Very easy to propagate through stem cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem 10–15 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for 2–3 days.
3. Plant in dry cactus soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

-  Compact and slow-growing
-  Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy

-  Homes with sunny balconies
-  Outdoor gardens
-  Large decorative pots
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