

Safety Brief: Cat-Safe Houseplant Review: The Amazing Succulent

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Blue Echeveria

Commonly known as: Maroon Chenille,
Painted Lady, Copper Rose, Wax
Rosette, Plush Plant, Hen and Chicks

Do you love plants, but are disappointed by the endless list of feline-toxic plants; especially some of the most common ones? The list is indeed long and includes many familiar and favored greenhouse treasures, according to the American Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals (ASPCA) [website](#).

I've been researching and reviewing houseplants for the last few years and have found many hardy and easy-to-grow options that are both non-toxic to your cat and aesthetically pleasing to you.

This quarter's plant review and recommendation is the "succulent". Many of us are familiar with the ever-so-common "hen and chicks" variety from our grandparent's strawberry pots. But did you know there are literally hundreds of varieties in all colors and shapes and encompass several different plant families, including cacti, and orchids?

That said, NOT ALL plants in the succulent family are non-toxic, so be sure the plant you buy has a tag with a name and check the ASPCA website. For example, aloe and jade are succulents, but ARE also toxic!

When we got our Savannah's, I quickly learned that succulents are one house plant my cats rarely will bother--and they're quite affordable too.

In my opinion, succulents are some of the most beautiful, colorful, hardy, and easiest plants to grow. They require very little maintenance and can be grown both indoors and out.



I've had great success buying my plants on both Amazon and Etsy--Etsy is my favorite for unique species. I've bought succulent variety boxes from Amazon and prickly pear cactus paddles from an Etsy seller in Texas!

**Where to Buy
Succulents:**
[Amazon](#)
[Etsy](#)

