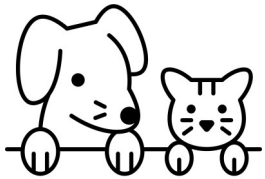


Neoregelia Bromeliad



This plant is considered non-toxic, therefore safe around children and pets.

Neoregelia sp.

- **Use:** There are over 100 species and many hybrids and cultivars. The genus name was coined in honor of Edouard August von Regel, the director of St. Petersburg Botanic Gardens in Russia during much of the 19th Century. These plants make attractive houseplants, although some species are so large that they require a greenhouse or conservatory. The smallest species can be grown in terraria. In the summer, these plants can be placed outside on patios or in the shade of trees.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Outdoors Partial Shade (when temps are above 50 degrees), Indoors bright to medium light. They are epiphytic meaning they use their roots to attach to a host plant such as a tree rather than grow in the ground. They can be either mounted on a substrate or planted in a pot. Because their roots act primarily as an anchor rather than a source for water and nutrients, if they are planted in a potting mix that remains too soggy they will easily succumb to root rot. They take in water through their central tank and leaves in addition to their roots. Keep water in the bromeliad's tank, the space where the leaves meet and form a cup toward the base of the plant. Never put water in the bracts or flowering portion of the plant. It will shorten the life of the inflorescence.
- **Growth:** Most types sold as houseplants are 1.5'-2.5' tall and wide maximum. Once the mother plant reaches maturity it will produce babies at the base of the plant and die. Then you can enjoy all the offspring and give away to friends.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-11; Houseplant, Can keep on a shady porch in summer when temps above 50 degrees, must bring inside in the winter. Leaf bases often blush red at flowering time.
- **Foliage:** May have stripes, speckles, or splashes along their leaves and are usually toothed.
- **Flower/Fruit:** Neoregelia bromeliads are grown more for their foliage than their flowers. Many feature new growth that comes out in bold tones of pink, red, purple, or orange.

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