

HERBS SAFE FOR CATS - CAT FRIENDLY & TOXIC HERBS GUIDE

When displaying plants on a windowsill or out in the garden, they become in range for our flurry friends to get a hold of and many ask which herbs are safe for cats? If you'd like the comfort of knowing which are cat friendly herbs and which you should avoid, then keep reading.

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*This is a guide on what herbs are safe to own if you have cats. Do not intentionally feed herbs to your pets without the advice/permission of a Veterinarian.

1) Basil is safe for cats. It is a bright and fragrant herb, and it's safe to keep if you have cats around, so if your sneaky cat pinches a piece, you won't need to panic.

2) Coriander is also safe for cats in addition to being super tasty. You can have it in the house without worrying about your feline friend.

3) Can cats eat rosemary? Yes they can, if they want to! Rosemary is a wonderful herb to have in the garden, especially when it's in bloom. Luckily, your cat won't be as interested in it as you, but even if you have an extra curious pet, it's safe for them to nibble on.

4) Sage is a lovely, decorative herb, and you can grow it if you have cats, so feel free to keep this one on the windowsill or anywhere else you like.

5) Our final cat friendly herb is Thyme. It is the perfect herb for garden decoration, so go out there and plant some, because your cat won't mind at all.

HERBS TOXIC TO CATS:

*Be aware that this is typically in large amounts and mostly only causes an upset stomach. It's unlikely for your cat to willingly eat enough to get sick, so don't panic unless you notice that something is wrong or a lot has been eaten.

1) We get asked all the time, "Is Oregano safe for cats?". Oregano isn't something you want your cat to eat, but Rosemary, which is safe for cats, actually has a smell that repels them. Try putting your unsafe herbs next to some Rosemary to keep them from eating something they shouldn't.

2) Cats shouldn't eat chives so avoid putting chives and garlic chives within their reach. Since they are also a favourite herb, you could try putting them in a room with a lockable door or a place your cat isn't allowed to go.

3) Tarragon is not good for cats and isn't something they should eat. Since cats are great climbers and jumpers, it can be tricky to just keep these plants out of reach, but hanging baskets out in the garden might do the trick.

4) Can cats eat mint? No, mint isn't good for cats, so try to keep a close eye on your cat to make sure they aren't being sneaky, and to be extra safe, make sure you know the signs of [Mint poisoning](#).

So, if you have cats at home and you want to make sure they are happy and healthy, you now have an idea of what herbs are good for cats and which are poisonous, so don't be shy about planting and putting your SEASON herbs all around the house!