

Pincushion cactus *Mammillaria*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **full sun**

As sunny as possible all year, ideally at the sunniest window. A little afternoon shade in high summer.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **very little**

In spring and summer, water thoroughly once the soil is dry and pour off the excess. From late autumn to early spring, keep it almost dry.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **dry air is fine**

Dry, heated air is no problem.



TEMPERATURE

Warm in summer, around 21–27 °C. Cool in winter at 8–10 °C at night – that encourages flowering. Not below 5 °C.



SOIL

Peat-free cactus soil in a shallow clay pan, only slightly bigger than the plant.



FEEDING

Spring to early autumn once a month with cactus fertiliser, none at all in winter.



REPOTTING 🪴 **est. 9 → 21 cm · shallow, clay**

Every two to three years in spring, once it fills the pot.



HEIGHT 📏 📏 📏 📏 📏 **up to approx. 15 cm tall, 20 cm wide · upright**

GROWTH 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 **slow**



TOXICITY

🧑 **Humans: non-toxic** 🐱 **Cats: non-toxic**

🐶 **Dogs: non-toxic**

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 The body shrivels, hardly grows or becomes misshapen. → In spring and summer, water thoroughly as soon as the soil is dry. In winter only if it shrivels.	 Soft, rotting patches, blisters on the skin, hardly any growth. → Let the soil dry out completely, don't leave water in the cachepot. Keep it almost dry in winter.
Light	 It grows weak and misshapen and hardly flowers. → Move it to the brightest, sunniest window and get it used to the sun slowly.	 Brown patches on the skin that shrink and scab over (corky scab). → Change conditions slowly – shade it in the afternoon on hot days.
Fertiliser	 Hardly any growth in summer and few flowers. → From spring to early autumn, feed once a month with cactus fertiliser or a potassium-rich liquid feed.	
Warmth	 Discoloured patches on the skin, parts die off. → Keep it frost-free and above 5 °C. In winter cool but dry – about 8–10 °C at night.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

Small cacti with a ring of flowers around the crown, undemanding and non-toxic for children, cats and dogs.



CAUTION

Not toxic, but the spines prick. When repotting, protect your hands with an oven glove or folded newspaper.