

Ponytail palm *Beaucarnea recurvata*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **full sun**

As bright as possible, ideally at a window with plenty of direct sun.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **little**

Water thoroughly, then let the soil dry out. Much less in winter. Better too dry than too wet.



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

Dry, heated air is no problem.



TEMPERATURE

Normal room temperature, happily warm. Not below 10 °C. In summer it can go outside once nights stay above 10 °C.



SOIL

Cactus soil or potting compost with sand or fine gravel, in a fairly small pot with a drainage hole.



FEEDING

Only once or twice during the growing season (spring–summer), none in winter.



REPOTTING 🪴 est. 9 → 24 cm

Only after many years (rule of thumb: every 3–5 years), in spring.



HEIGHT 📏 📏 📏 📏 📏 **up to approx. 1.5 m tall, 90 cm wide · upright**

GROWTH 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 **very slow**



TOXICITY

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

🐶 **Dogs: non-toxic**

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 Leaf tips turn brown and dry. → Water thoroughly as soon as the soil has dried out.	 Trunk and roots rot. → Let the soil dry out well, don't leave water in the cachepot. Water much less in winter.
Light	 It grows weakly and the foliage turns yellowish-green. → Move it to the brightest window, ideally with direct sun.	 Brown, burnt patches on the leaves. → After winter or before moving it outside, get it used to harsh sun slowly.
Fertiliser		 Brown leaf tips. → Feed less often – once or twice a season is enough.
Warmth	 Leaves droop, curl up and wilt. → Don't keep it below 10 °C, and only put it outside once nights stay above 10 °C.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

An undemanding eye-catcher with a water store in its trunk that forgives dry, heated air and forgotten watering.



CAUTION

Non-toxic for cats and dogs; for people, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln lists it as non-toxic. The finely serrated leaf edges can cut the skin, though.