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# Dieffenbachia Hybrids

*Dumb Cane Plant*

Dieffenbachia is also often referred to as dumb cane due to its effects when ingested. As with many other plants dieffenbachia contains calcium oxalate as a defense mechanism which is irritating to both humans and pets. Irritation aside they are adaptable and relatively easy care plants.

**Light:** Requires medium to high light. Direct sunlight burns the leaves and too much causes the vibrant leaf color to fade.

**Water:** Allow the top 2"-3" of soil to dry out before watering. These plants do best with a regular watering schedule. If the soil gets too dry, bottom leaves turn yellow. If the plant is over-watered, stems rot and bottom leaves die.

**Fertilizing:** Only fertilize when the plant is producing new leaves. These plants should be fed every two weeks in the Summer and once a month in the Spring and Fall. **DO NOT** feed in the winter. Excess plant food will cause browning around the edges of the leaves.



**TIP:** Dieffenbachia Plants prefer temperatures above 60 degrees. The lower leaves turn yellow when exposed to cold drafts from doors, windows or air conditioners.