

# SHUT YOUR TRAP

## Caring for your Carnivorous Plant

Congratulations on becoming the owner of your new Carnivorous Plant!

Carnivorous Plants are not very fussy and are actually quite simple to look after. The main mistake people make is treating them like other potted plants. Whether you have owned a carnivorous plant before, or it is your first time, these simple care guidelines will ensure a long lifespan.

### **Carnivorous Plants love water**

Normal plants may only require watering every couple of days. Carnivorous plants naturally grow in bogs where they are constantly wet/damp.

The easiest way to replicate this is to keep your plant sitting in a tray/saucer of water at least 2-5cm deep. This is much easier than constant watering. All you need to do is check that there is water in the tray/saucer and you're done.

### **Carnivorous Plants thrive in sunlight**

To keep your flytrap happy and healthy it needs at least 4 hours of sunlight a day. The more sunlight it gets the more it will grow and develop more colour.

### **Winter rest**

During the winter months your carnivorous plant takes a rest from growing. In this time all of the leaves/traps/pitchers will die off and it may look like the whole plant has died, do not despair, keep caring for it, once spring comes along your plant will explode with new growth and be bigger and better than ever.

### **Flowers are too much effort**

In spring your carnivorous plant may produce flower stalks. This is a sign that you have been looking after it well. The downside of letting your carnivorous plant produce a flower stalk/flowers is that it will use up a great deal of energy and can even sometimes die from the effort. The flowers are not very spectacular and you can just simply cut them off so that your carnivorous plant can put all of its energy into growing.

### **Do not fertilize**

Normal plants require fertiliser to flourish. Carnivorous plants are different again because they gain all the nutrients they need from catching bugs and insects. So do not fertilise your carnivorous plant as it will be fine on its own.

If you follow these few simple guidelines for your Carnivorous plant it will reward you and live a long time.

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