**Name(s)**
Dracaena Surculosa; Gold Dust Plant, Dracaena Gold dust, Japanese Bamboo, Gold Dust Plant, Spotted Leaf Dracaena.

**Origin**
Native to the western tropical Africa rain forest region.

**Flowering**
It is very hard to get it to flower indoors. If you are in the warmer zones, where it will over winter outdoors, you may be rewarded with fragrant white flowers and red berries.

**Poisonous**
ASPCA lists it as poisonous to cats and dogs. Toxicity comes from ingestion of any part of the plant and reports indicate that it takes moderate to large amount of ingestion for symptoms to occur. Dracaena surculosa contains saponins, which can cause drooling, vomiting, weakness and a lack of coordination in pets when ingested.

**Temperature**
Dracaena can tolerate temperatures that range from 55-90 degrees F. Ideal house temperatures are 65-70 degrees F. It can take a low temperature down to 50 degrees F.

**Light**
Likes bright, filtered light. But it can also tolerate lower light conditions. The more light the plant receives, the better the variegation of the foliage there will be. Keep out of direct sunlight. Too little or too much light will result in leaf drop.

**Watering**
Water 1-2 times a week, or when the soil is dry down to about the first knuckle. Don’t over water. Water less in the winter months when dormant and does not grow much.

**Soil**
A well-draining potting soil is essential for the plant. It does not like wet feet.

**Fertilizer**
Use an all-purpose plant food once a month during the growing season. Stop fertilizing during the winter months.

**Repotting**
In the spring, check to see if your plant is pot bound. Gently tip the root ball out of its container and see if it has started to form a circle of roots on the bottom of the soil. If so, it is time to re-pot into a larger pot. Gently pry the roots out and pot in a new container about 1/3 larger. Add fresh potting soil and water lightly. This will allow for new growth.

**Pruning**
Generally it is not necessary to prune. If you have it in a lower light situation, the plant may get tall and spindly as it reaches for light. If this is the case, you can prune off about 1/3 of the main stem. This will make it sprout new growth at the area of the cut and will make the plant more bushy. Remove any discolored leaves to keep the plant healthy and pest free.

**Propagation**
You can use tender stem cuttings from the plant to propagate. The plant can also be propagated by division if there is more than one crown.

**Potential Problems**
Pests: Spider mites, aphids, and scale.

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