**Name(s)**  
Ceropegia woodii; *String of Hearts, Rosary Vine*

**Origin**  
Native to Africa

**Flowering**  
The pink/purple tubular flowers are most curiously shaped, and they function as ingenious fly traps. Lured by the scent of the flowers, small flies will get into the purple tops and are trapped inside. Only to be released after they are covered in the plants' pollens.

**Poisonous**  
There is no mention of the Ceropegia woodii on the ASPCA List of **Toxic** and Non **Toxic Plants**.

**Temperature**  
The ideal daytime temperature for the plant is from 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Bring outdoors string of hearts inside if the temperatures drop below 60 degrees.

**Light**  
Full sun throughout the day.

**Watering**  
Provide enough water to moisten the plant. Allow the soil to dry slightly between watering during the active growth period. During the winter, reduce the frequency of watering to prevent root rot.

**Soil**  
Average potting soil amended with one-third sand or a mixture of 2 parts perlite, 1 part loam and 1 part peat moss.

**Fertilizer**  
Fertilize the plant with a well-balanced liquid fertilizer diluted to half-strength monthly from May to August. Stop providing any fertilizer during the plant’s dormant period, or November to March.

**Repotting**  
Re-pot in spring when it gets crowded, moving into a pot one size larger. Place them on the surface of the soil. Use a sandy mix and a pot with a drainage hole to avoid soggy soil, which can cause the tubers to rot.

**Humidity**  
Humidity is not an issue as they are dry land plants that can tolerate wide swings with no difficulty.

**Pruning**  
Just cut back to the desired length. Don’t discard the cut off stems, have them root and put them back in the soil.

**Propagation**  
A string of hearts is easily propagated by stem cuttings. Take stem tip cuttings and insert cut ends in moist soil. Or cut off stem tubers and place them on the surface of the soil. Also can be propagated by seed at 19-24°C in early spring.

**Potential Problems**  
**Pests:** Monitor the plant for mealy bugs, soft-bodied insects that consume the plant’s sap and can cause leaf drop. Detach the mealy bugs from the plant with a cotton swab moistened with rubbing alcohol.

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