

I got the tiniest one I could find'
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Several
people have described intense pain after coming into contact with a puss caterpillar. In August,
one woman in Florida told Fox13 that one brushed up against her arm after an outdoor workout,
causing painful red welts to form on her arm. She said it took hours for the pain to ease.

And last month, a Virginia woman landed in the ER after a puss caterpillar that was resting
on her car door brushed against her leg. ♦It felt exactly like a scorching-hot knife passing
through the outside of my calf, ♦ Crystal Spindel Gaston told The Daily Progress. ♦Before I
looked down to see where it came from, I thought 100 percent I was going to see a big piece of
metal, super sharp, sticking out from my car. ♦ Gaston, who went to the hospital for treatment,
said it took three days before she started to feel normal again.

The puss caterpillar
also was to blame for a case report published in the journal Cureus that described a
14-month-old boy who developed a red rash on his leg after sitting in a park with his parents. It
spread and was treated with antihistamine drugs.

If you spot a puss caterpillar in
your yard or on your home, Troyano says you shouldn't panic. ♦In general, puss caterpillar
populations are kept under control by natural enemies, ♦ she says. ♦However, if you are
seeing multiple caterpillars in your yard, you should contact a pest control company for help. ♦

And if you come into contact with a puss caterpillar, Troyano recommends
immediately washing the affected area with soap and water. Then, remove any broken spines
that are in your skin with cellophane tape. ♦Seek medical attention and for signs of
anaphylactic shock, ♦ Troyano says.

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