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. &#65533;It felt exactly like a scorching-hot knife passing through the outside of my calf, &#65533; Crystal Spindel Gaston told The Daily Progress. &#65533;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. &#65533; 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&#65533;t panic. &#65533;In general, puss caterpillar populations are kept under control by natural enemies, &#65533; she says. &#65533;However, if you are seeing multiple caterpillars in your yard, you should contact a pest control company for help. &#65533;

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. &#65533;Seek medical attention and for signs of anaphylactic shock, &#65533; Troyano says.

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