

Lily Toxicity in Cats



What is lily toxicity?

- Lilies are lethally toxic to cats.
- All members of the plant genus *Lilium*, including Easter lilies, contain a chemical that can damage cat kidneys.
- Ingestion of even a small amount of plant material from certain types of lilies is a veterinary emergency for cats and early treatment is essential to a successful outcome.
- If you think your cat may have chewed on or ingested lily, seek veterinary care immediately.

What you can do to keep your cat healthy:

- If you live with cats, it is a good idea to keep lilies out of your home and garden.

Signs

Lethargy
Vomiting
Drooling
Loss of appetite

Cause

Ingestion of lily through biting a leaf or petal, licking pollen from paws, or drinking water from a vase containing cut lilies

Treatment

Induce vomiting
Activated charcoal
IV fluids
Dialysis (severe cases)

**If your cat needs medical care, contact the Small Animal Clinic at (530) 752-1393.*