



Is Your Cat Safe This Spring?

If you suspect that your cat has ingested even a tiny bit of a lily, he or she may develop these symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Loss of Appetite
- Depression

But don't wait until symptoms develop. Bring your cat to your veterinarian. If they aren't open, bring your cat to our facility in Oakdale or St. Paul. If the cat is treated promptly, there is a chance for a full recovery.

Due to these risks, cat owners are encouraged to avoid placing Easter lilies, Asiatic lilies, Japanese Show lilies, Day lilies, and Tiger lilies where cats reside. Before bringing plants into your home, always double check to make sure they are pet-friendly!

Please be advised that Easter lilies are potentially deadly to cats. All parts of the plant are toxic— leaves, stems, pollen, the water in the vase, and the flowers. Cats can suffer kidney damage by eating even a small portion of any part of an Easter lily.

The key to treatment is quickly recognizing the problem, and responding right away. If a cat can get to the veterinarian and be treated within 18 hours, there is a chance of recovery. However, almost 100% of Easter lily toxicity in cats is fatal.

Save a Cat This Spring!

If you see someone buying a lily bouquet at the grocery store or floral shop, inquire politely, “You don't have a cat at home, do you?” Explain that in the event that they *do* own a cat, lilies *should not* be brought into the home. If they're giving the plant as a gift, *it should not be given to a cat owner.*

Most retailers choose not to warn consumers about this fatal danger,

so it is up to us to spread the word!

Safer flower choices to purchase instead of lilies include roses, sunflowers, tulips, irises, carnations, mums, baby's breath, hyacinth, and daffodils

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