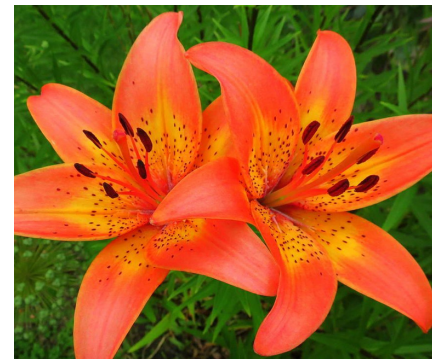


Lilies Are Highly Toxic to Cats!

Veterinarians receive hundreds of calls each year from pet owners concerning cats that have ingested lilies.

All parts of the lily plant are poisonous - the petals, the leaves, the stem, and even the pollen. Cats that ingest as few as one or two leaves, or even a small amount of pollen while grooming their fur, can suffer severe kidney failure which can lead to death. In most situations, symptoms of poisoning will develop within 6-12 hours of exposure. Early signs include vomiting, loss of appetite, lethargy, and dehydration. Symptoms worsen as kidney failure develops. Some cats will experience disorientation, staggering, and seizures.

While there is no specific medication to counteract lily poisoning, the sooner you get your cat to the veterinarian, the sooner treatment can begin to try and reverse the effects of poisoning. If your cat has come into contact with a lily, which can include licking, eating, or brushing up against the pollen, call your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline: (1-855-764-7661) immediately.



Tiger Lily



Asiatic Lily



Day Lily

There are several types of lilies that are toxic to cats. Some types include the *Lilium* and *Hermerocallis* species which are commonly referred to as Tiger lilies, Day lilies, and Asiatic lilies.

Popular in many gardens and yards, they can also result in severe acute kidney failure. These lilies are commonly found in florist bouquets, so it is imperative to check for poisonous flowers before bringing bouquets into the household. It's better to be safe than sorry so do your homework before you bring any flowers into your home.