

Do lilies kill cats? They do, and a horrifying number of cat lovers do not realise this. This post tells you what to look for and what action to take.

A Twitter friend shared an appeal by a friend who had lost their cat due to lily poisoning. It was heartbreaking to read and made me determined to help by posting about the dangers. Lilies are a popular garden plant.

For the professional florist the lily is an easy way to add a blast of fragrance and dazzling colour, but they also kill most cats who encounter them. Ask the florist if they can create a bouquet without lilies for you.

Lily Poison Symptoms

Lily toxicity symptoms include:

- depression,
- diarrhea,
- drooling, and
- dehydration

Four Deadly D's and, if you do not act, your cat can be dead in as little as four days. Does this sound frightening? It's meant to. Lilies kill by destroying cat kidneys

One brush of cat fur against a lily flower, one cleansing lick to remove the pollen, one leaf nibble and you are faced with a serious and often fatal feline emergency.

Take immediate action if you suspect Lily Poisoning!

Acting fast is absolutely critical when you suspect a cat of having ingested even the tiniest amount of pollen.

**DO THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY
IF YOU SUSPECT LILY POISONING**

Get your cat to a vet FAST

- If there is a vet hospital or specialist open nearby, head there. Specialist care is often needed for lily toxicity cases.
- Try to keep calm enough to take a sample of the flower or leaf with you. This will help the vet take the right kind of action a lot sooner.

"Taking along a sample of the plant will make your veterinarian's ability to diagnose the reaction that much easier, and treatment can be prescribed swiftly, minimizing the probability of long-term organ damage..." PetMD.com

How to remove the risk from deadly lilies

You take lilies out of your home and your life.

As this deadly issue affects indoor and outdoor cats, remove lilies from your house and your garden, and if you can encourage your neighbours to remove them as well, this reduces the risk even further.

SUPER TIP: Ask that lilies be removed from any bouquet you order as a gift!

Tell Your Florist - No Lilies in Your Bouquet

Our friend was appealing for florists to have a lily warning clause in their shops and online and we wonder - why is this not common practice? We also believe that this appeal should be broadcast worldwide and on a regular basis.

Pet References:

PetMD Lily poisoning : http://bit.ly/Lilies_1

PetMD - Poisonous Plants: http://bit.ly/Lilies_2

Pawsome Cats: http://bit.ly/Lilies_3