**Easter Lilies: Toxic to Cats**

Springtime brings many cats to the emergency room due to ingestion of Easter lilies. All parts of the Easter lily plant are highly toxic to cats if ingested. Even the smallest amounts can cause kidney failure and eventually, death.

If your cat has eaten lilies, clinical signs are likely to develop rapidly, usually within 2 hours of ingestion. You may notice the following signs:

- 🍀 Vomiting
- 🎨 Lethargy
- 🍀 Refusal to eat

Aggressive treatment within 6 hours of ingestion can prevent the development of kidney failure. **If you think your cat has ingested lilies, don’t wait for signs of illness. Seek veterinary care immediately.**

The initial symptoms may subside, but cats will become symptomatic again within 24-96 hours. Later signs can include: increased thirst and urination, vomiting, depression, dehydration, oral ulcers and halitosis, hypothermia, increased respiration rate and slowed heart rate.

Other toxic lilies include the Tiger Lily, Stargazer Lily, Japanese Show Lily, Rubrum Lily and day lilies. Many other bulb plants are also poisonous such as daffodils and hyacinths. If you have a cat, it is best to remove lilies and poisonous bulb plants from your home and garden to ensure your pet’s safety.

To help pet owners handle this type of emergency, Angell Animal Medical Center’s Emergency and Critical Care Service in both Boston and Waltham provides 24/7 Emergency care for your pet.

For 24/7 Emergency visits, please call: **617-522-7282** (Boston) or **781-902-8400** (Waltham) or visit: [angell.org/emergency](http://angell.org/emergency)