

## Feline Toxins

The below table is a list of some of the more common toxins that affect our feline patients. It is by no means a comprehensive list and is not meant to substitute appropriate veterinary care. If you think that your pet has become exposed to a toxic or poisonous substance than please call and schedule an appointment with your veterinarian or emergency clinic as soon as possible.

<b>Toxin</b>	<b>Clinical Signs</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Prognosis</b>
<b>Lily Plants</b>	Vomiting, depression, anorexia, increased urination, dehydration and kidney failure.	Make cat vomit if ingestion recent (less than 4 hours) and then administer activated charcoal. Intravenous fluid therapy and supportive care	Generally guarded unless decontamination and treatment initiated very quickly.
<b>Anti-Freeze (ethylene glycol)</b>	Clinical signs can start within 30 mins of ingestion or take hours to develop; initially vomiting, ataxia, knuckling, depression, increased thirst with progression to seizures, coma, oral ulceration, decreased urine production.	Make cat vomit if ingestion recent (less than 2 hours) and then treat supportively.	Varies dependent on initiating therapy as soon as possible.
<b>Medicines with Decongestants</b> (i.e. pseudoephedrine)	Hyperactivity, restlessness, dilated eyes, disorientation, vomiting, tachycardia, seizures.	Make cat vomit if ingestion recent (less than 4 hours) and then administer activated charcoal, supportive care depending on dose and clinical signs.	Good, if diagnosed and treated early.
<b>Non Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Medicine</b> (i.e. Aspirin, Advil, Tylenol etc.)	Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, bleeding, pale gums, respiratory distress, depression, seizures, coma	Make cat vomit if ingestion recent (less than 4 hours) and then administer activated charcoal, supportive care depending on dose and clinical signs.	Varies dependent on timing and doses involved.
<b>Pyrethrins /Pyrethroids</b> (Topical pyrethrins - flea / tick prevention reserved for dogs)	Excessive salivation, muscle tremors, ataxia, seizures, death.	Bathe immediately to try to decrease amount absorbed. See your veterinarian as soon as possible.	Fair to Good if diagnosed early and treated appropriately. Otherwise dependent on dose and timing of intervention.