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CAT CHAT BEAUTY AND YOUR BEAST (FELINE OF COURSE)

by Roz Goldstein

Spring is here and with Spring comes flowers and holidays celebrated traditionally with floral offering. Beautiful, yes but some can be toxic and even deadly for your cats.

Some Spring favorites we buy to cheer up our homes or are gifted for Easter and Mother's Day are discussed below.

Narcissus, commonly known as daffodils, paper whites and jonquils are lovely. This family of spring flowering bulbs contain lycorine which can be toxic to pets. Bulbs contain a concentration of this toxin, but all parts of the plant may as well. These can cause convulsions, cardiac problems and breathing difficulties.

Kalanchoe is a favorite flowering plant which can be planted outdoors and often gifted for holidays. Kalanchoes contain bufanolides which can cause GI problems if ingested such as drooling and vomiting as well as cardiac problems and seizures. Plant outdoors or keep them outdoors away from pets.

Another lovely spring flower containing grayanotoxanes is the Azalea plant which can affect the heart and cause seizures and death in larger amounts.

Cyclamens are a pretty plant, and again may be planted or kept outdoors in a protected area away from pets. The roots and tubers of this plant are the most toxic and can cause abnormal heart rhythms and seizures.

Lilies are an Easter favorite. Lilies - such as Easter Lilies, Asiatic Lilies, Stargazers, Tiger Lilies and Day Lilies are highly toxic to cats. Even a nibble on a leaf or pollen ingested from a paw or face can cause death. Drinking water from a vase with lilies can be poisonous. Lilies can cause kidney and liver function failure and death. This can occur quickly. Some other relatives to the lily are Tulips and Hyacinth. The

toxin they contain is concentrated in the bulbs.

Do not wait to call the vet, emergency vets or pet poison hotlines. Your pet's life may depend on it. Remember your cat is much smaller than you, so only a little toxin can cause serious problems. Kittens, being agile, curious and chewers as well as small are at high risk (puppies as well).

Poison ingestion support can be found as below:

ASPCA (may cost \$), 888-426-4435. Pet Poison Helpline (\$59), 855-764-7761

CAPE Emergency Specialty Vets (formerly CARE)

Dennis: 508-398-7575 Bourne: 508-759-5125 or 800-457-4900

The Emergency vets are open 24/7, even on holidays.

I know this puts a damper on our ways of celebrating. Many flowers, such as Roses are safe. Of course, please enjoy the outdoors as well. I have let my family know which flowers should not be gifted to me. We are all happy to enjoy a beautiful and safe Spring.

Happy Holidays from CASAS.

BETTY WHITE CHALLENGE 2022



CASAS took part in the *Betty White Challenge* and raised well over \$3,000 from our supporters. [See Memoriam pages for contributions] What a won-derful tribute to someone who had such a love of all kinds of animals! Thank you very much.

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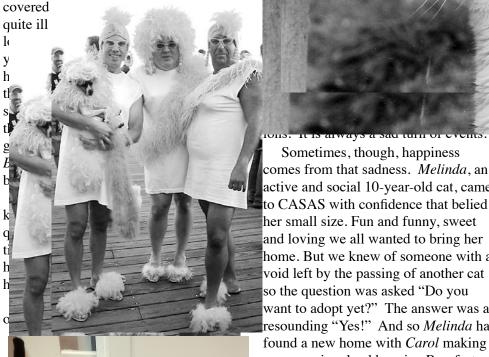
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CHESSIE & SPOCK

Over the last few months several area people have passed away leaving their beloved cats without any where to go. CASAS is willing to help however we can. When a former volunteer and adopter passes, the loss is doubly felt.

Volunteers were called to take two cats from the apartment of a local resident. Chessie and Spock were well known to us and room was made to care for them as long as needed. It was dis-





Sometimes, though, happiness

I will keep my pet safe and healthy, treating her like the precious creature

I will talk to my pet kindly and patiently because he can understand every

I will love and protect my pet, keeping in mind that she counts on me for her entire survival and well-being.

I will value and appreciate all the love and loyalty my pet gives me.

masks to the Fire Departments. We were enthusiastically greeted and thanked by the staff at both Departments. This was made by possible by our reader donations.





