



If your pet has seasonal allergies he/she may have an allergy to antigens within the environment such as dust, tree pollen, grasses, molds, etc. If this is the case, the animal has a condition known as atopic dermatitis, or atopy. Common areas for symptoms to occur are in the ears, armpits, groin, between the toes and the rear end.

Symptoms include scratching, licking, tearing fur out and areas of reddened skin. For uncomplicated cases of skin allergies, you may want to try a hypoallergenic diet, supplementing the animal with omega 3 fatty acids and/or oral antihistamines. Your veterinarian may also want to prescribe a steroid medication for severe itchy symptoms. It is important to check with your veterinarian to see which medication protocol would work best for your pet. Acupuncture is also a homeopathic

option for allergic dermatitis symptoms. If symptoms get bad enough, you may want to take your pet to a dermatologist and perform more in-depth skin testing. If your dog forms allergic reactions to particular allergens, the dermatologist can determine which antigens they allergic to and induce immune-therapy allergy shots which are formulated for your pet's specific



needs. Please note that the numerous ways in which to control allergic skin disease in dogs offers a variation in relief depending on the individual patient. It is important to find the combination of therapies that helps your pet the most, with the realization that you may never retain complete remission of symptoms. The goal is to provide the most relief possible while avoiding adverse side effects.

## Easter Lilly Danger



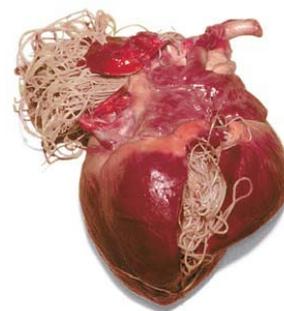
Most cat owners are not aware that all Lilies, especially Easter Lilies, are toxic to their precious friends. They are so poisonous that cats can have possible kidney failure just from biting in to a leaf or pedal, licking pollen from their paws, or drinking water from a vase with cut Lilies in it. Some cats also appear to be more susceptible to the toxin than others. If you think your cat may have come in contact with Lilies, contact your veterinarian immediately,

## Springtime and Your Pets

### Mosquitoes, Heartworm Disease and Parasite Prevention

Heartworm disease is spread through mosquito bites and can be fatal to your dog if not treated properly and urgently. Prevention is the best way to protect your pet. Most brands of heartworm prevention medication also protect your pet from hookworm, roundworms, and some tapeworms. These

parasites can be transferred to humans and can cause ocular migraines, which can lead to permanent blindness. Call your veterinarian today to make sure your pet is up to date on their heartworm test and pick up your preventative today!



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