

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings,

Happy July! July is the month of beautiful, carefree sunny days.

Announcements:

Two local Cat Hospitals have recently closed
Cat Care Clinic and Atrium Cat Hospital have recently permanently closed. Dr. Tice of Cat Care Clinic is currently practicing at Grace Park Animal Hospital. We have been receiving large volumes of new clients. While we're thrilled to welcome so many new feline friends into our care, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we work diligently to accommodate everyone.



How Cats View Their Human Companions

Catster

Cats' quirky behaviors often leave us wondering what they think of us. While definitive answers are elusive, experts suggest cats see us as family, treating us similarly to other cats. They may even form mother-baby attachments with their caregivers.



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Pet Insurance Crucial for Financial and Pet Health Needs
Today's Veterinary Business



An Embrace Pet Insurance survey revealed that policyholders see significant benefits for their pets' health and finances. Key findings include high veterinary costs mitigated by insurance and better pet care due to coverage. Respondents also use technology and homemade meals for their pets.

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Protecting Cats from Mosquito Bites: What You Need to Know

Catster

Cats can get bitten by mosquitos, potentially leading to discomfort and disease. This article explores the risks and prevention methods to protect your feline friend from these pesky insects. Indoor cats are also at risk, so preventive measures are essential.



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When to Worry if Your Cat Stops Eating

PetsRadar

Cats can survive up to two weeks without food, but dehydration shortens this to 2-3 days. If your cat isn't eating, it might be ill, so consult a vet. Missed meals require attention and potentially professional help.

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3 Surprising Reasons Your Cat Wanders Far from Home

PetsRadar

Wondering how far your cat roams? Cats' roaming behavior varies; some stay close, while others travel significant distances. Factors influencing their wandering include age, sex, and personality. Learn how to keep them safe and curb their wanderlust.



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Understanding Gut Microbiota Changes in Cats with Chronic Enteropathy

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

Chronic enteropathies in cats involve persistent gastrointestinal issues. This study examines microbiota and fecal metabolites in cats with chronic enteropathies compared to healthy ones, revealing significant differences in microbial composition and metabolite levels, especially long-chain fatty acids and sterols.

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8 Reasons Your Cat Isn't Drinking and How to Help

Pets Radar

If your cat isn't drinking, it can be concerning. This guide explains why cats might stop drinking and offers tips to encourage hydration. Common reasons include diet changes, feeling threatened, or bowl issues. Using a pet water fountain can help.



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Reasons cats scratch illuminate ways to deter it

Popular Science

Stress triggers cats to scratch more than any other factor, and it's exacerbated when young children are around, according to Frontiers in Veterinary Science findings, which also note that long play sessions and nocturnal activity increase scratching. Veterinary researcher Yasemin Salgirli Demirbas says the study suggests several ways to calm scratching, including short play sessions that mimic successful hunting, safe hiding places, elevated observation perches and occasional outdoor exploration.

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Understanding Your Cat: The Power of Slow Blinking

HuffPost

Cats show affection by slow blinking, signaling love. John Bradshaw from the University of Bristol notes that cats treat humans like other cats. A 2020 study found that slow blinking boosts positive interactions between cats and humans.

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Treat the cat or treat the person to quell allergies?

Medscape

Sublingual liquid allergen immunotherapy reduced symptoms in a subgroup of people with cat allergies, according to a presentation by allergist Pascal Demoly at the Francophone Congress of Allergology. However, pulmonologist Alain Didier said that most allergen immunotherapy trial results have been negative, and he suggested that people with cat allergies can vaccinate the cat against Fel d 1 or feed it a diet rich in Immunoglobulin Y.

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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Butt Scratcher,

Thousands of years ago, when kitties first domesticated humans, we did it so that someone would scratch our butts. We also trained you to scoop our clumps and hunt cans of tuna. But scratching our furry fannies is really why we allow you to share our homes. Before you start getting all full of yourself, you should know that my raised tail is not the offer it appears to be. "Elevator Butt" is actually a leftover response from when I was a kitty and my mommy would help me go potty. That's right, Butt Scratcher, you are my very own personal laxative! Though, now it just feels good, and it really doesn't help me go potty. But don't

feel bad, Butt Scratcher. When I go potty, I do think of you —especially when it's in the living room while you're away on a business trip.

Love,
Didjeradoo"



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