

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!

Happy Halloween!

Announcements:

Honoring Our Beloved Cats: 2024 Holiday Memorial Service & Tree

At Morrisville Cat Hospital, our annual Holiday Tree is a heartfelt tribute to the cherished cats who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge during the year. If you would like us to create an ornament using one of your favorite photos, please send it to us by Saturday, November 23rd. You can email your photo to morrisvillecat@gmail.com or mail it to the hospital. These ornaments will be displayed on the tree throughout the holiday season, and they are yours to take home anytime after the holidays.

We also invite you to join us for our Holiday Memorial Service on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 pm. This special service is open to all clients who wish to share memories, stories, photos, and perhaps a few laughs or tears with others who understand the depth of your loss. The service will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker Jehanne Gheith, who will offer compassionate guidance on coping with grief, particularly during the holiday season. We will conclude with a peaceful candlelight vigil in memory of our furry friends.

The Holiday Tree will remain on display in our lobby until New Year's Day, and we invite you to stop by anytime to see it. Your ornament will be available for pick-up during or after the holiday season.

We hope this gathering and tribute brings comfort and peace to all who attend.



The "What to Know About the New FIP

Therapeutics" Replay is Now Available

FelineVMA

If you missed the live webinar, you can catch the replay at no additional cost. Sam Taylor, BVetMed (Hons), CertSAM, DipECVIM-CA, MANZCVS, FRCVS, and Ashlie Saffire, DVM, DABVP (Feline) discusses the new developments in FIP treatment. Watch the replay to learn what's new with the treatment protocols, the benefits, the research behind them, when to use which treatment, and how to manage FIP treatment with other preventive care protocols, such as vaccinations and parasiticide treatment.



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Making Fetch Happen: Prevalence and Characteristics of Fetching Behavior in Owned Domestic Cats (*Felis Catus*) and Dogs (*Canis Familiaris*)

PLOS One

This research compared fetching behavior between cats and dogs. Data from thousands of pet owners showed 41% of cats and 78% of dogs fetch. Fetching is tied to breed, age, and playfulness, with noticeable breed-specific trends in both species.

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Cats Are (Almost) Liquid! — Cats Selectively Rely on Body Size Awareness When Negotiating Short Openings

Cell Press

Various species use self-representation to assess space based on their size. In this study, researchers explored whether cats utilize size awareness when negotiating small openings. Testing 30 cats, results showed that while they navigated narrow spaces, cats slowed down near shorter openings, suggesting size-based decisions.

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Why is My Cat's Primordial Pouch So Big? Normal vs Abnormally Large

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That extra skin swaying on your cat's belly? It's likely not a sign of obesity but a natural feature called the primordial pouch. This pouch, common across felines, serves functional purposes like storing food and offering protection during conflicts.

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How Long Cats Can Go without Food, According to a Vet

Southern Living

Cats may refuse food due to changes in routine, stomach issues, or dental problems. If a cat doesn't eat for over 24 hours, consult a vet. Prolonged hunger can cause significant stress, so keeping an eye on their eating habits is critical.

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Microchipped cat lost in Yellowstone found 800 miles away

ANIMAL NEWS

A cat named Rayne Beau that ran off while in Yellowstone National Park with his owners was found sixty days later in Roseville, Calif. Owner Susanne Anguiano says the cat was not in good condition, and how it got to Roseville is a mystery, but Anguiano is thankful that Rayne Beau was microchipped and the contact information was up to date.

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Bill would allow use of FSA, HSA funds for veterinary care, pet insurance

AVMA

A House bill with bipartisan support would amend IRS regulations so that pet and service animal owners could use up to \$1,000 a year from health care flexible spending accounts or health savings accounts to pay for veterinary care or pet health insurance. The AVMA, the Human Animal Bond Research Institute and insurer MetLife support the People and Animals Well-being Act. "Ensuring veterinary care and pet health insurance are eligible expenses under health savings and flexible spending accounts means more affordable care for pets, greater access to care for service animals, and an enhanced ability to detect and prevent zoonotic diseases," said AVMA President Sandra Faeh.



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Cat Trilling: Meaning and Feline Sounds Facts

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Cat trilling, a soft sound between purring and meowing, often signals happiness or greeting. Cats use vocalizations like this to express feelings, communicate with humans, or interact with kittens. Mother cats also trill to guide their young.

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Your Cat's Not Broken If It Can't Catch Mice. Its Personality is Just Too Nice to Kill

USA TODAY

Cats seen ignoring easy prey aren't lazy — they just have friendly personalities that lower their hunting drive, say scientists. Cats with pleasant traits, like being sociable, may catch less prey. Personalities play a big role in hunting behavior.



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How Stress Can Cause Pandora Syndrome in Cats

dvm360

Pandora syndrome involves chronic urinary issues in cats without infection. It's a systemic disease caused by stress,



affecting the bladder and other organs. Persistent stress disrupts the body's systems, leading to symptoms like overgrooming, aggression, and eating disorders.

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Do Cats Grieve After a Loss? A New Study May Have the Answer

Readers Digest

Cats, often viewed as aloof, may actually grieve the loss of a companion. A new study shows that cats can exhibit behaviors resembling mourning after another pet in the household dies, suggesting a deeper emotional connection than previously thought.



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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Real Estate Agent,

My previous residence was a laundry basket. But it was lost in Hurricane Cleaning Lady. This box is cozy, though. Is this front window custom? I always wanted a nice view of people I could scratch if they got too close. And you say the previous owner was a microwave oven? I hope it didn't have any pets.

My housing needs are very particular. You see, I have a condition in which I'm deathly afraid of not being in small, confined places. I just can't handle the fear that when I'm not tucked into a tight space, the rocking chair might bite my tail again, or the little human who wears a litter box around his butt will chase me.

This place is perfect. I'll take it! Just tell me where to put my John Hancat. You can even close the lid right now if you want— I don't mind being a shut-in.

**Love,
Moka"**



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