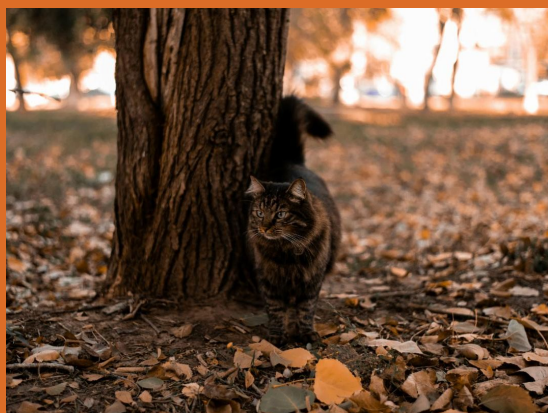


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Greetings!

Happy September! September is Happy Cat Month!

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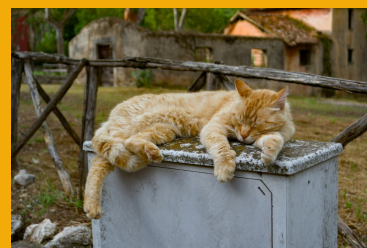
Early Birds Get the Purrs!

To better serve you and your feline friends, we kindly ask that you try to call us as early in the day as possible to schedule appointments. We've been receiving a high volume of calls after 3 PM, making it challenging to accommodate last-minute requests. By reaching out earlier, you'll have a better chance of securing the time that works best for you and your kitty. Thank you for your understanding and continued trust in us!



Why Does My Cat's Tail Twitch? 6 Vet-Reviewed Reasons
Catster

A cat's tail is highly expressive, helping owners gauge their moods. Tail twitching can indicate anything from hunting instincts to frustration. Understanding these signals helps decipher your cat's feelings and actions. Here's how to interpret this behavior.



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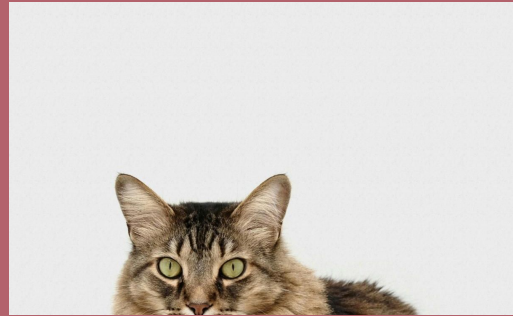
The 2024 AAFP Intercat Tension Guidelines: Recognition, Prevention, and Management aim to bust common misconceptions about cat behavior. These Guidelines include a comprehensive set of tools and resources for identifying and managing intercat tension, promoting feline welfare, and improving veterinary practices.

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Homeowners consider pets in remodeling decisions

Forbes

Thirty-four percent of pet owners responding to a survey from home building and design website Houzz said they consider their pets when choosing products and materials for upgrades and remodeling jobs, and 22% choose designs or functions specifically for their pets. Built-in feeding stations, outdoor enclosures, sleeping or relaxation areas, grooming stations, play structures and litter boxes are popular among pet owners, according to the survey.



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Do Cats Experience Grief? New Research Suggests They Might

NPR

Oakland University researchers surveyed cat owners and found that cats often ate and played less after another household pet died, suggesting they grieved. Changes in behavior included seeking more attention and spending more time alone, indicating potential mourning behavior.

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[Why Do Cats Rub Their Face on Corners?](#)

5 Vet-Verified Reasons

Catster

Cats often display puzzling behaviors like rubbing their faces against corners, objects, or people. While it may seem odd, experts suggest it's normal. This behavior may signal scent marking, where cats leave their scent on objects or corners.

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Can Cats Get Bird Flu? Vet Explains Signs and Prevention Tips

Catster

Cats can contract bird flu, especially when exposed to infected birds. Recent U.S. cases highlight the risk. Though uncommon, it's crucial to monitor outbreaks to protect your cat, particularly in high-risk areas or environments where infected birds are present.

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Selecting a pet cat

AVMA TODAY

September is Happy Cat Month, created to help spread education and awareness about the health, welfare and importance of pet cats. Are you considering adding a cat to your home? Cats make wonderful companions, but it's important you make an informed decision on whether or not a cat is right for your home, as pet ownership is a significant responsibility.

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Why Does My Cat Keep Throwing Up? Advice from an Expert
USA TODAY



When your cat falls ill, it's worrying since they can't tell you what's wrong. Cats often vomit for various reasons. They might be expelling hairballs, ingesting hazardous items, or facing more serious health issues. Understanding these signs is crucial.

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Why Do Cats Hate Closed Doors?

Live Science

Cats exhibit frustration at closed doors due to a mix of curiosity and anxiety, often driven by a fear of missing out. Their instinct to control their environment and monitor their territory exacerbates this reaction, leading to stress.

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How to manage, prevent separation anxiety

Texas A&M University

Prior abandonment, poor socialization, a lack of training, sudden changes and personality are sources of separation anxiety in dogs and some cats, says AVMA Past President Lori Teller. Medication can help, but it isn't a cure and should be combined with a behavior modification plan recommended by a veterinarian, Dr. Teller says. It's also possible to prevent separation anxiety by introducing activities in advance of anticipated disruption, Dr. Teller says.

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Why is My Cat Chewing on Nothing and Purring? Vet Discusses Possible Reasons

Catster

Cats often engage in unexplained behaviors. Chewing on nothing, accompanied by purring, may be due to pain, stress, or habit. Understanding these actions can help in addressing your cat's needs effectively.

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Coping with the loss of a pet

AVMA TODAY

When a beloved pet dies, the loss can bring intense grief and sorrow. By understanding the process, you can be better prepared to accept and handle your grief as well as help others who share your sense of loss. The AVMA has compiled resources to help pet owners through this difficult time.

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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear bewitched bed warmer,

Why is it that every time your mom visits, you vacuum up my shed fur and then lock me in the bathroom? Are you embarrassed to be with me? You know, one day she's just going to have to accept that you're with a black cat. It's the twenty-first century, and she still thinks I'm a witch. If I'm a witch, then why do I run from the broom? Whenever I cross her path, she runs in the opposite direction. All I want to do is rub myself against her legs. Every time I try to show that woman affection, she just sneezes and acts like she'll die if we're in the same room.

I don't completely blame your mom. You never see positive portrayals of black cats on TV. Orange cats are used to sell cat food. And when an orange cat steals lasagna, it's sweet and funny. Orange cats are cute little guys who wear boots. But black cats? We're always demons and witches! That's some racist BS.

Love,
Coco"





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