

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



November 2024 - 154th Edition

GREETINGS!

Happy Holidays! November is National Gratitude Month!

Announcements:



Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce the Zoetis Solensia Rewards Program! If your cat receives Solensia injections with us to help manage osteoarthritis pain, you're eligible for Zoetis Petcare Rewards—an easy way to earn points and save on future care. Here's how it works:

1. Get Solensia for your cat's pain relief
2. Earn rewards for each treatment you purchase
3. Redeem rewards to cover future veterinary costs

To learn more, visit [Zoetis Petcare Rewards](#) or check out the [FAQ](#).

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.

Tremors in Cats: Vet Discusses Signs, Causes, and Treatment

Catster

If your cat is trembling or having balance issues, a vet visit is needed. Tremors in cats are usually involuntary muscle contractions, ranging from mild to severe, and can affect their movement. Underlying medical conditions could be the cause.



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Prevalence of Acute Kidney Injury and Outcome in Cats Treated as Inpatients Versus Outpatients Following Lily Exposure

Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association

Researchers examined 112 cat cases of lily exposure, comparing inpatient and outpatient treatment outcomes. Acute kidney injury (AKI) prevalence was similar in both groups, with 46.9% of inpatients and 43.8% of outpatients affected. Inpatient survival was notably higher at 100%, compared to 86.5% for outpatients.

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Analytical Insights, Modulation, and Compositional Dynamics of the Feline Gut Microbiota: A Review

Animal Diseases

Feline gut microbiota plays a key role in immune regulation and overall health. Alterations can impact susceptibility to various diseases. Key bacterial groups include Firmicutes and Bacteroidetes. Modifications through diet and probiotics may help restore microbial balance, improving feline wellbeing.



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How to Calm a Cat During Periods of High Anxiety

Pets Radar

Cats can seem independent but are susceptible to stress. Identifying anxiety triggers, like changes in routine or moving homes, helps manage their behavior. Recognizing symptoms and maintaining consistency can significantly improve a cat's emotional well-being.

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Why Do Cats Rub Against You? Asking a Veterinarian

Country Living

Cats often rub against people and objects as a form of "bunting." This behavior, linked to scent-marking, helps them establish territory. Through unique pheromones, cats claim ownership, indicate familiarity, and even signal their readiness to mate.

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Why Do Cats 'Chatter'?

Live Science

Cats make distinct sounds, like meowing or growling, but their chattering often happens when spotting prey. Experts suggest it could signal frustration or excitement, though some believe it may enhance their sense of smell. Mimicking prey is another potential explanation.

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Book explores cat-human bond

ANIMAL NEWS

Hanna Shaw and Andrew Marttila have combined their love for cats and love of travel into a book that captures stories and photographs of cats around the world and the people who care for them. Compassion for cats transcends language and culture and is a unifying force, Shaw says.

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Cats Associate Human Words with Images, Experiment Suggests

Phys.org

Researchers at Azabu University found that house cats can associate human words with images, without rewards. They tested cats viewing images with words, showing longer stares and pupil dilation when words were switched, suggesting that cats link spoken words with their surroundings.

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Where Do Outdoor Cats Sleep? 7 Places They Like to Curl Up

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Outdoor cats find quiet, safe places to sleep, often near food and water. Some common spots include open garages, abandoned buildings, and under porches, all offering shelter and security. These areas help outdoor cats feel protected from environmental risks.

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Helping Your Cat Overcome 'Megacolon'

Texas A&M Today

Megacolon, a severe form of constipation, can significantly impact a cat's quality of life. Dr. Sue Lim explains its



causes, such as pelvic injuries or neurological issues, and highlights treatment options like dietary changes, medication, or surgery if necessary. Early detection is crucial.

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Can Cats Have Cheese? Your Pet's Dietary Restrictions, Explained

USA TODAY

Though some cats may enjoy milk, many are lactose intolerant. Cats can have cheese occasionally, but it should be limited. Overfeeding can cause digestive issues, and lactose intolerant cats may experience vomiting, diarrhea, or allergies. Consult a vet if symptoms arise.

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Animal welfare experts warn against buying "designer" cats

The Guardian (London)

Animal welfare advocates in the UK are urging people not to buy a whiskerless, hairless, stubby-legged cat bred to resemble pitbull-type dogs. The hybrid cat is prone to severe, painful health problems and has an expected life span that's six years shorter than average.

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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Baby-Honey-Sweetheart,

Look, love of my nine lives. Hold on. It's not what it seems. I was just gonna pet it. That's why my paw is out. Don't look shocked.

I'm not some violent predatory animal. My instinctual desire to smash this bug into goop was the old me. It was the kitten I was before I met you. You changed me. I'm still the same lovable guy you squeeze too tightly when you read romance novels. Do you remember our first date? You held me and I purred, and I licked your toes after you "accidentally" stepped in marinara sauce. That's who I am, babe. Kill this bug? No way. If you really want to know, he was a present for you. I was going to bring him to your front door and ask if we could adopt what was left of him.

You know I love you, baby,
Kitten"



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