

# Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



February 2025 - 157th Edition

Greetings,

Happy Valentines Day! Don't forget February 20th is National Love Your Pet Day!

Announcements:

**We're thrilled to announce that MCH is accepting New Clients!**

If you or anyone you know is looking to get their cat in for an appointment, our waitlist is now open. Our cat-exclusive hospital provides expert medical care in a calm, stress-free environment designed just for cats. Please call us at 919-678-1554 and we can get you scheduled! We look forward to meeting you and your whiskered companions!

**The Impact of Last-Minute Cancellations**

We understand that life happens, and sometimes appointments need to be rescheduled. However, we've seen a growing number of cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice. These last-minute changes make it difficult for us to accommodate other cats in need of care and impact the efficiency of our hospital. To ensure we can continue providing the best care for all our patients, we kindly ask that you notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule. This allows us to offer the appointment to another cat in need. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us care for the feline community!

**Avian Flu Update**

We know many pet parents have concerns about avian flu and its potential impact on their pets. To help answer your questions, we now have a trusted resource from the Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA) available! Here is the link: [\*\*Read More!\*\*](#)



## New Cat Activity Study: Moggie

Your cat can't tell you how it's doing. Moggie can. Moggie tracks your cat's daily activity to improve their health & wellbeing. Purrfect peace of mind knowing what your feline is up to, all the time.

Monitor your cat's health: Keep tabs on your kitty's well-being around the clock and quickly check if their key activity levels are below or above average.

Why Moggie? Peace of mind for you, daily protection for them. Our vet-approved device monitors changes in your cat's behavior – helping you detect potential health concerns sooner for a longer and healthier life. For more information visit their [website!](#)

## Discover Your Cat's Age with EpiPaws

Why Should I Know My Pet's Age?

If you have a rescue pet or inherited yours, you may not know their exact age. It can be kind of difficult to raise a pet the right way if you don't know their true age. When you find out your pet's age, you will be able to:

- Give your pet the right diet for their age
- Know how much exercise/play your pet should get
- Treat your pet preventatively for better health
- Give your pet a longer and happier life!

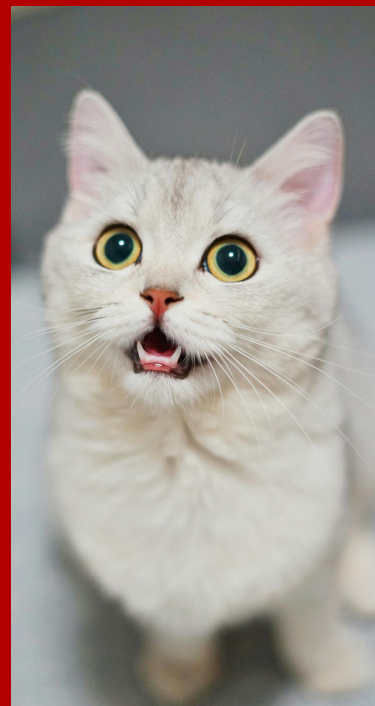
The cost of each test is \$120. To find out more info and/or order a test, visit their [website!](#)

## Expert advice for cat owners as avian influenza surges

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To prevent H5N1 avian influenza from infecting pet cats, experts recommend that cats be kept indoors, their vaccinations should be up to date, and they should not be fed raw meat, poultry or dairy products. Cats exhibiting severe respiratory distress, low appetite, fever, eye or nasal discharge, or neurological problems such as tremors and seizures should be seen by a veterinarian immediately, says veterinarian Susan Nelson, a clinical professor at Kansas State University.

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## Feline Urethral Obstruction Alters the Urinary Microbiota and Comparison to Oral, Preputial, and Rectal Microbiotas

American Journal of Veterinary Research



Cats with urethral obstruction exhibit significant alterations in their urinary microbiota compared to healthy cats. These changes extend to the preputial and oral microbiota, indicating a broader dysbiosis associated with the condition.

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### Why Do Cats Pant After Playing? Vet Reveals the Possible Reasons Pets Radar

Cats may pant after play to cool down, as they only sweat through their paws. Ensure they have fresh water and a cool resting place. If panting occurs without exercise or is accompanied by other symptoms, consult a vet.

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### Do Cats Hold Grudges? They Sure Seem to Kinship

Cats don't hold grudges; their reactions are immediate and instinctual, not based on long-term resentment. If your cat seems upset, it's likely responding to a specific event, not harboring ill feelings. Understanding this can help improve your relationship with your feline companion.

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## Parameters in Cats with LGITCL

Research in Veterinary Science

Lymphoma is the most common feline intestinal cancer, with low-grade T-cell lymphoma tied to chronic inflammation. Researchers compared diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers in 12 affected cats, finding bacterial shifts and reduced serum proteins suggestive of altered gut health and protein loss.

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## Efficacy of Probiotic, Prebiotic, Synbiotic, and Postbiotic Supplementation on Gastrointestinal Health in Cats: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Journal of Small Animal Practice

The impact of biotics on feline health remains uncertain despite widespread use. A systematic review assessed biotic supplementation for treating gastroenteropathies, showing limited evidence for consistent benefits. Probiotics improved fecal consistency in select cases, underscoring the need for further research.

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## AI is Beginning to Create Value for Selected Small Animal Veterinary Applications While Remaining Immature for Others

Journal of the American Veterinary Association

Artificial intelligence is revolutionizing small animal veterinary medicine, with applications ranging from image analysis to early disease detection and administrative support. However, its potential is limited by the availability of accurate, curated data like electronic health records.

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## Tips to Help Prepare Clients and the Veterinary Team for a Disaster Situation

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Ensuring pet safety during wildfires is vital. Veterinary experts advise pre-planning evacuations, identifying pet-friendly shelters, and maintaining updated pet identification to enhance animal safety during disasters.

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## Can a Cat Laugh and Smile? Vet Reveals the Signs Your Cat is Feeling Happy

PetsRadar

Cats may not laugh like humans, but they show happiness through purring, kneading, and relaxed body language. These subtle behaviors reflect their unique ways of expressing contentment and connection with their owners.



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## Avian influenza A (H5N1) in Cats

American Veterinary Medical Association

Avian influenza (H5N1) has recently been detected in domestic cats, raising concerns about animal and human health. Experts highlight rare transmission but stress monitoring. Pet owners should stay informed about preventive measures to protect their cats and households.

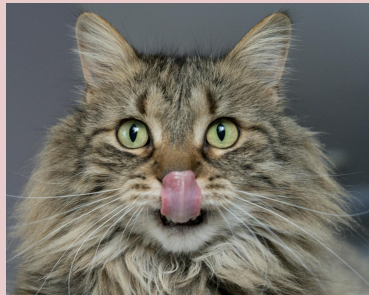
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## Protecting Patients from Ozempic Exposure

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The rise in Ozempic use among humans has introduced unexpected risks to pets. Accidental ingestion of semaglutide, the drug's active ingredient, poses serious health threats to animals, requiring veterinary teams to educate clients on proper medication storage and safety.

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## When Cats Play, They Mirror One Another's Feline Faces

Psychology Today

When cats play together, they imitate each other's movements and expressions, showcasing remarkable emotional connection. This behavior, often seen in friendly interactions, reflects how deeply their play fosters communication, trust, and social bonding. Scientists study these moments for insights into feline behavior.

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## Why Does My Cat Bite My Ankles, and What to Do About It

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Cats may bite ankles to signal playful behavior or express unmet needs like hunger. This instinctive act is rooted in predatory habits. By understanding their triggers, pet owners can redirect their energy and reduce unwanted behaviors effectively.

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## Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Enabler,

Maybe I do have anger issues. I admit, I can't stop after shredding one square. I go until the roll's completely



ripped. If you tried to separate me from the toilet paper, I'd scratch you. I'm hurting the ones I love.

I've been a shred-head for as long as I can remember—and my mommy was also known to be found on the bathroom floor, covered in two-ply. Do you think I should enter a twelve-step program? I'd probably just sit under the steps and swat at people as they walked up.

But you keep putting out fresh rolls, enabling my problem. Please keep the toilet paper in a drawer and out of my sight. Once I see the white stuff I go crazy.

However, maybe I should hide the toilet paper from you. What I do to it isn't nearly as bad as what you do.

One day at a time,  
Squishie"



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