

# Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!

Happy Holidays! April is also National Volunteer Month

Announcements:

## Exciting CareCredit Promotion!

From April 1 – June 30, 2025, you can earn a \$50 or \$100 statement credit when you open a new CareCredit account and use it for your pet's care!

Here's how:

- ✓ Apply and open a new CareCredit credit card.
- ✓ Register with code OFFER2025.
- ✓ Use your new card for purchases totaling:
  - \$300+ to earn a \$50 statement credit
  - \$1,000+ to earn a \$100 statement credit

CareCredit makes it easier to manage your cat's veterinary expenses while earning rewards! 🐱

Learn more & apply: <https://www.carecredit.com/promotions/>

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**NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine Presents the**



## Second Annual Feline Health Symposium

Health Breakthroughs for Every Cat: Focusing on Future Therapies for Feline Heart Disease and Beyond

### More Information

EveryCat Health Foundation and the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine Feline Health Center are excited to partner together for the symposium Health Breakthroughs for EveryCat: Focusing on Future Therapies for Feline Heart Disease and Beyond. The symposium will take place on April 26-27, 2025 at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh. We hope you will join us to learn and support our missions for our feline friends.

[Register Here](#)

### H5N1 avian influenza found in more cats, skunks, mice

Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

The USDA recently confirmed 15 cases of H5N1 avian influenza in mammals, including domestic cats in Kansas, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Illinois, as well as skunks, mice, foxes, a raccoon and a bobcat. The department also reported H5N1 outbreaks in poultry in Indiana and Maryland and in another dairy cattle herd in California.



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### Cats That Like Attention Can Soothe People During Therapy

Earth.com

A new study reveals some cats may be ideal for therapy, challenging assumptions of their aloofness. Researchers found friendly, calm felines might reduce stress in humans, offering a quieter alternative to dogs in animal-assisted service settings.

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### Should You Feed a Stray Cat? Expert Advice on Feline Care

The Desert Sun

Stray cats often wander into neighborhoods or adopt new homes. Online videos highlight their charm, showing them bonding with people. Experts say helping community cats boosts their well-being and helps reduce kitten births, though proper care is essential.



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## Claw Growth Rates in a Subset of Adult, Indoor, Domestic Cats (*Felis Catus*)

Veterinary Dermatology

Researchers measured claw growth rates in 17 indoor, neutered adult cats and found front claws grew faster (0.13 mm/day) than rear claws (0.08 mm/day). These findings provide the first recorded growth rates in cats, aiding future studies on claw-based hormone analysis.

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## Cat Food Products Recalled for Bird Flu Risk: Here's Which Products Are Affected

USA TODAY

Savage Pet has recalled specific chicken cat food products over potential bird flu contamination after two cats became ill, prompting a Food and Drug Administration warning. The recall adds to a growing list of pet food brands affected by the ongoing H5N1 outbreak.

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[Why You Should Never Pick Up a Cat](#)





## Without Their Consent

Parade Pets

People are naturally drawn to picking up cats, an instinct driven by their small size, soft fur, and baby-like features. This response, rooted in evolutionary nurturing behaviors, extends beyond humans to animals with juvenile traits, reinforcing strong attachments. However, cats don't necessarily share this desire.

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## First aid tips for pet owners

AVMA Today

Do you know how or when to perform CPR on a pet? Or what to do if your pet is bleeding? April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month. Although first aid care is not a substitute for veterinary care, it may save your pet's life until veterinary treatment is available.

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## Association Between Behavioral Factors and Recurrence Rate in Cats with Feline 'Idiopathic' Cystitis

Journal of Veterinary Behavior

Feline idiopathic cystitis (FIC) is a serious lower urinary tract disease in cats. This study explored links between behavior and recurrence rates, hypothesizing that anxiety-related behaviors are more common in cats with recurring episodes. Data from 33 diagnosed cats showed a significant correlation between fear of strangers and recurrence.

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## Pets may improve life satisfaction as much as a spouse

WAPT-TV

Pet ownership has some of the same positive effects on life satisfaction as being married or regularly socializing with family and friends, according to a study in Social Indicators Research. The study used data from 2,500 UK households and an instrumental variables approach to establish a causal link between pet ownership and life satisfaction, and found the benefit worth up to \$90,000 a year.



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## 'Your Cat Might Appear Slightly Crazy': Here's What a Vet Wants You to Know About Catnip

PetsRadar

Catnip is safe for cats and can provide benefits like stress relief and increased activity, though excessive consumption may cause mild digestive issues. Most cats self-regulate their intake, making adverse effects uncommon.

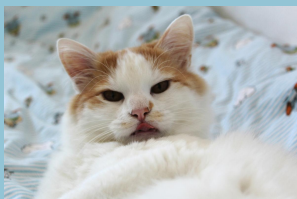
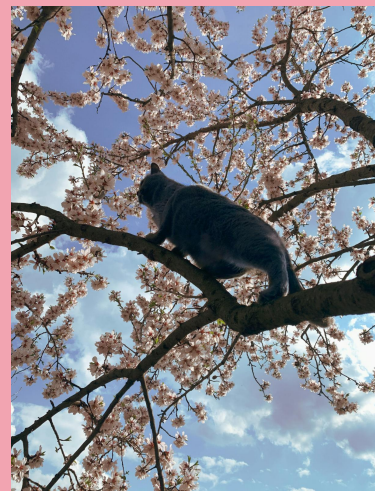
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## Analyze This: When Do Cats Move Like Liquids?

Science News Explores

A study suggests that cats are aware of their body size, helping them decide which spaces they can squeeze through. Researchers tested this by observing cats navigating various openings at home, revealing their hesitation with low spaces but confidence in narrow ones.

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## Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Cat Startler,

What is it? Do I have something on my face? Why are you laughing? I was going to do something, but now i can't remember what it was. Don't you hate that? Since I am a cat, and I'm not asleep, I was probably licking myself and forgot to put my tongue back in my face. Is that why you're laughing at me? You know, if you spent a third of your life grooming, you, too, would occasionally forget to pull your tongue back in. And imagine the look on your face if someone walked in on you licking yourself. Your tongue would be the last thing you'd think about putting away. And you would certainly hope they didn't have a camera.

Now, if you'll excuse me. I still have to wash behind my tail — and I don't think you want a picture of that.

Love,  
**Tasha"**



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