

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



May 2025 - 160th Edition

Greetings,

Happy May! Happy Memorial Day!

Announcements:

Temporary Change to Boarding Services

- Due to a current staff shortage, Morrisville Cat Hospital is temporarily limiting our boarding services. At this time, we will be accepting medical boarding patients only, and only in special circumstances.
- We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to maintain the highest standard of care for our feline patients. If you have questions or need help finding alternative boarding arrangements, please don't hesitate to contact us.



MORRISVILLE CAT HOSPITAL

Morrisville Cat Hospital will be closed to the public on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

We will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, May 27th. Please plan ahead and request any prescription refills or prescription diet orders as early as possible so we can ensure your cat's needs are taken care of before the holiday. We typically experience a surge in last-minute requests leading up to long weekends, and we want to make sure we have time to help everyone. Thank you for planning ahead and helping us keep your feline family members well cared for!

If your cat needs medical attention during our closure, please contact one of the local emergency hospitals below:

- **Blue Pearl Cary**
 - 6405-100 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518. 919-233-4911

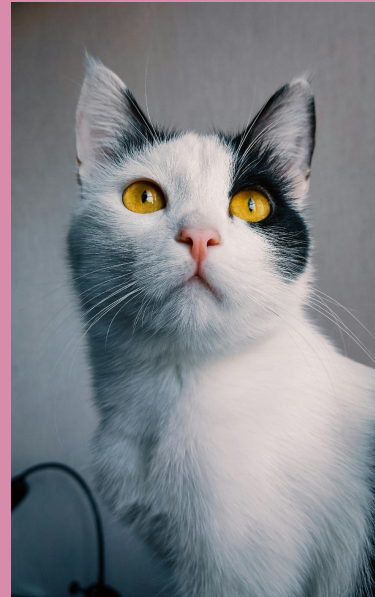
- **Oak Heart Veterinary Hospital & Emergency at South Saunders**
 - 1600 S. Saunders Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. 984-222-0039
- **NC State Veterinary Emergency Hospital**
 - 1052 William Moore Dr. Raleigh, NC 27607. 919-513-6911
- **Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospitals**
 - TVRH Holly Springs is located in the Main Street Square Complex, off NC Hwy 55, across the street from Walmart in Holly Springs. 2120 Werrington Drive, Suite 201, Holly Springs, NC 27540. 919-973-5620
 - TVRH Durham 608 Morreene Rd, Durham, NC 27705. 919-489-0615
- **Wake Veterinary Hospital & Urgent Care**
 - 1007 Tandal PI, Knightdale, NC 27545. 919-266-9852
- **Truss Vet Urgent Care**
 - 720 Fenton Market Way, Suite 150, Cary, NC 27511. 919-981-9881

Deepening the Human-feline Bond

dvm360

As feline companionship grows in significance, veterinarians are responding to a rising focus on cats' emotional and behavioral health. Shifting perceptions reveal cats as emotionally rich, socially aware beings, prompting new strategies to improve feline care and deepen human-animal bonds.

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Detection of Microplastics in the Feline Placenta and Fetus

PLOS One

Researchers found microplastics in fetal and placental tissues of cats during early pregnancy, indicating possible transmission across the placental barrier. Of eight subjects, four showed contamination, with 19 microplastics identified using Raman spectroscopy.

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Is Your Cat's Shampoo Poisonous?

Dangerous Ingredients Explained

Catster

Most cats don't need baths, but some health conditions or breeds require them. The wrong shampoo can be dangerous —

certain ingredients can irritate skin or even be toxic. Knowing what to avoid helps protect your pet from serious health issues.

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Lilies and Cats: A Deadly Combination Virginia Tech News

Lilies may brighten your space, but they're highly toxic to cats. Even small amounts can be fatal, prompting experts to urge cat owners to avoid them indoors and out. Just brushing against pollen may trigger severe, potentially deadly reactions.

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New Position Statement — 2025 **Socialization of Feral Kittens** FelineVMA

Check out the latest position statement! The FelineVMA supports the proper socialization of kittens. A kitten is defined as any cat between birth and 1 year of age. Socializing kittens before a certain age helps them develop appropriate social behaviors, including recognizing humans as a friendly species. This offers the best scenario for the formation of healthy cat-human bonds.

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Single Enema Fecal Microbiota **Transplantation in Cats with Chronic** **Enteropathy** Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine



Chronic gut conditions in cats are common, with imbalanced gut bacteria suspected as a factor. Researchers tested whether one fecal transplant could help. They tracked intestinal health and symptoms in 28 cats, comparing treated and untreated groups.

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New Darwin's Ark Project is Sequencing Thousands of Cat Genomes

Technology Networks

Despite centuries of companionship, feline genetics remain largely unexplored. Darwin's Ark launched Darwin's Cats to close that gap, collecting cat fur and survey data from owners. This novel method enables large-scale, noninvasive genome sequencing to advance the understanding of cat traits and health.

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What Your Cat's Body Language Reveals About its Mood

USA TODAY

Cats express emotions through subtle cues — eye shape, tail position, ear direction, and whisker movement. Slow blinks signal trust while a flicking tail can mean agitation. Observing these signs helps owners build stronger, more respectful bonds with their pets.

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Obesity in Cats: Symptoms, Prevention, and How

Cat obesity poses serious health risks, including diabetes, cancer, and arthritis. Over 60% of cats in the U.S. are overweight, often due to overfeeding and low activity. Portion control and exercise can help prevent weight gain and support a longer, healthier life.



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How Do Cats Communicate?

Sciworthy

Cats have spent over 10,000 years mastering communication, blending body language with meows and purrs. In colonies, social bonds form around age, status, and genetics. Scientists explore whether cats, like primates, use facial mimicry to strengthen emotional connections.

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Cats are Masters at Hiding Pain' so Dental Issues in Cats Often Go Unnoticed, Vet Explains

PetsRadar

Cats often mask dental pain, leading owners to overlook serious issues. While 85% of cats over three have dental disease, many show no symptoms. Experts stress regular checkups, as undetected problems can harm vital organs and shorten lifespans.



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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)
by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Subjects to the Throne of Calvin,

It is an honor to be your king. And let me say that I was not born as your furry highness, eye level to the toilet paper roll, surveyor of all sinks that drip. I was once a common box user. I know what it's like to toil and bury, to go to

sleep with clay under my claws. But no more am I
banished to a stinky corner of the garage! I have risen up,
and in so doing released my subjects from the feudal
tyranny of scooping clumps. To celebrate, we will have
games. Subjects, fetch me your finest string!

Love,
King Calvin the 1st and 2nd"



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