

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!

Happy June!

Announcements:

Summer is Here!

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. We typically experience a surge in last-minute requests leading up to long weekends and during summer vacations 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!



The Real Reason Your Cat Makes That 'Stink Face'

Kinship

When cats curl their lips after sniffing something, they're not grossed out — they're detecting

pheromones using a special olfactory organ. This "stink face," called the flehmen response, helps them gather info about their environment, especially other cats.

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Venlafaxine for Treatment of Behavioral Disorders in Cats

Clinician's Brief

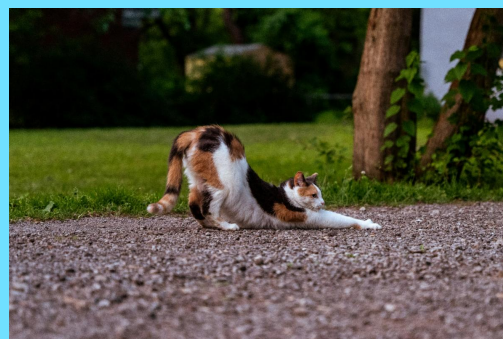
Venlafaxine, an antidepressant, is gaining attention for easing feline behavioral issues. Its capsule form simplifies dosing, while its dual-action effects make it effective for conditions like impulsive aggression and misdirected play in cats.

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Group forecasts spread of vector-borne diseases

AVMA News

The Companion Animal Parasite Council's latest forecast highlights the growing prevalence of vector-borne diseases such as anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, heartworms and Lyme disease in pets across the US. The expansion is largely attributed to shifting populations of ticks and mosquitoes. The diseases are largely fatal and also pose threats to people, so year-round prevention is essential, says veterinarian Brian Herrin, CAPC board president.



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14 Common Cat Myths You Probably Believed Were True — Until Now

Readers Digest

Cat fans fiercely support their pets, yet many beliefs about feline behavior are wrong. With expert help, Reader's Digest uncovers the truth behind popular cat

misconceptions to improve how we understand and care for these unique companions.

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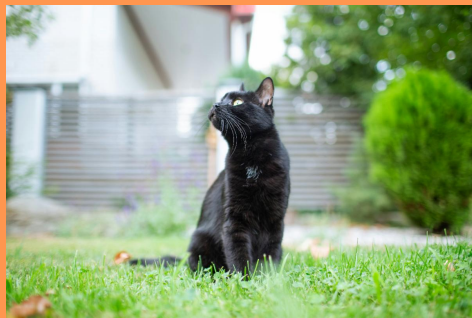
Bird Flu Study Points to Risk of Another Pandemic

University of Maryland School of Public Health

As bird flu spreads from birds to cats and potentially to humans, UMD researchers warn of rising infections. Their findings highlight urgent surveillance needs in cats to prevent spillover risks and prepare for possible outbreaks this summer.



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Study Reveals a Simple Technique to Communicate with Your Cat

ScienceAlert

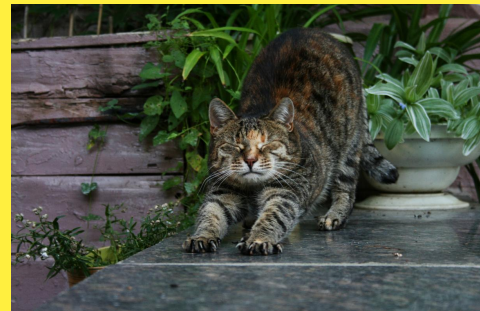
Cats may seem distant, but researchers found they warm up to humans who slow-blink at them. Mimicking a relaxed cat's narrowed eyes and gentle blinks encourages positive responses and even invites feline approach, strengthening the human-cat connection.

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FelineVMA New Position Statement on Feral Kittens

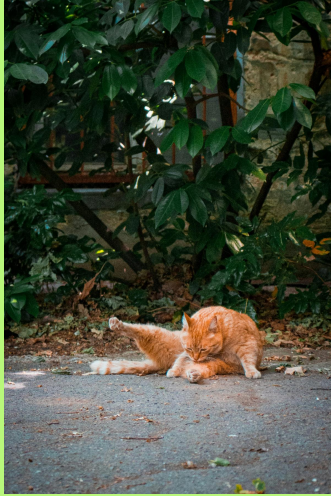
Steve Dale PetWorld

Decades ago, shelters believed that socializing every feral kitten was the right path. However, many unsocialized cats experience overwhelming fear in confinement, rarely adapting to humans and instead living in chronic distress, which strains shelter resources and adoption efforts.



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Do Cats Like Kisses? What Experts Say You Need



to Know

Readers Digest

Cats charm us with cuddles and purrs, but do they enjoy kisses? Experts explain how feline behavior and early socialization shape their tolerance. Some cats may accept affection if they trust you, but don't assume kisses mean love.

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Seasonal Allergies Can Affect Cats: Here's What You Need to Know

Forbes

Franklin, a rescue cat, began showing alarming symptoms mistaken for ear mites. Tests later confirmed severe allergies to outdoor elements. His owner, Mary Tan, now carefully manages his condition with professional help and seasonal adjustments to his routine.



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Cats shouldn't drink milk, even if they like it

The Conversation

Most cats are lactose intolerant and can develop excessive gas, constipation, diarrhea and other digestive system issues if they consume it, writes Julia Henning, a Ph.D. candidate in animal behavior. Lactose-free milk or milk specifically formulated for cats may be given as an occasional treat, but those options don't provide any nutritional benefits.

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Sorry I Barfed On Your Bed

(and Other Heartwarming Letters from Kitty)

by Jeremy Greenberg

"Dear Bringer of Pests,

You see this dead mousy? This is what happens when you



cross Marko's floor without saying, "Hi, Marko kitty," and scratching my head. I know you might be tempted to remove the body, but don't! Another mousy looking and smelling exactly like him will just show up tomorrow, and I'll have to kill him all over again. I don't know how the exact same mousy keeps reappearing, but I'm a busy kitty, and I have socks to chew through and tinfoil balls to knock under the couch. I can't spend every day killing a mousy could swear I already killed. So please, leave it out to remind the mouse that he is actually dead, and I'm bored with him.

Love,
Marko the Magnificent"



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