

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



November 2025 - 166th Edition

Greetings!,

Happy November!

Announcements:

Honoring Our Beloved Cats 2025: 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. We invite you to join us for our Holiday Memorial Service on Saturday, December 13th at 1:00 pm.



Pet Enrichment and Quality of Life from Dr. Azure Holland, DVM. Check out her blog featuring her camp kitties, Pecan Pie and Blueberry Biscuit! [Read More!](#)

The Holidays are coming! Make your kitty's wish list come true. Check out Caroline's Cats and their line of interactive cat toys! [Read More!](#)

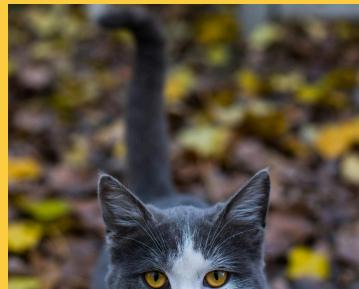
Please plan ahead and request any prescription refills or prescription diet orders as early as possible so we can ensure your cat's needs are taken care of. We typically experience a surge in last-minute requests leading up to and during the holidays and

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!

Study Finds if Caught Early Enough, Felines Can Survive Bird Flu

dvm360

A new study reveals that cats infected with bird flu can recover if treated promptly. Researchers emphasize the importance of early antiviral intervention. The findings challenge assumptions about automatic euthanasia in feline H5N1 cases.



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Cat Hydration: Why Water is a Key Nutrient to Lifelong Health in Felines

Pet Age

Water is often overlooked but essential to feline health, supporting digestion, kidney function, and more. Cats face unique hydration challenges due to their desert ancestry. Understanding these needs can help prevent chronic issues and support lifelong wellness.

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Diagnosis and Treatment of Pruritus in Cats Algorithm

Today's Veterinary Practice

Cats with itchy skin often show one or more of four key skin patterns. Caregivers may miss signs of overgrooming, mistaking them for normal behavior. Clinicians should always investigate underlying causes, even if itching isn't mentioned during the visit.



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Feline Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Recent Advances and Future Perspectives

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

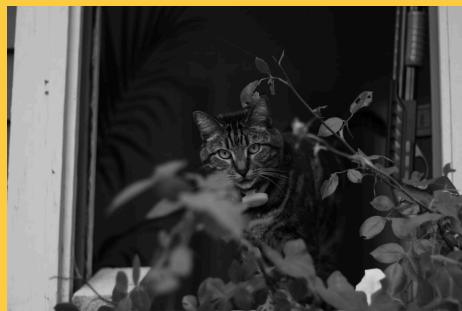
Feline oral squamous cell carcinoma is a common yet aggressive cancer, often diagnosed late due to vague symptoms. Affecting older cats, it grows invasively and resists treatment. Research now explores biomarkers and targeted therapies for better outcomes.

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4 Common Cat Myths, Debunked

Popular Science

Cats have lived alongside humans for thousands of years, yet many misconceptions persist. From their loyalty to their behavior, feline myths often mislead even seasoned pet caregivers. Experts are now setting the record straight with science-backed insights.



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Why Your Cat's Sudden Weight Loss is More Serious Than You Think — 12 Reasons Every Caregiver Should Know

Catster

Cats often hide illness, but fast weight loss is a clear red flag. If your cat's shedding pounds unexpectedly, it could point to something serious. Many causes, like thyroid issues or stress, are treatable if caught early.

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Declawing in Cats is Associated with Neuroplastic Sensitization and Long-term Painful Afflictions

Scientific Reports

Researchers analyzed data from eight studies to separate declaw-related pain from osteoarthritis in aging cats. Declawed cats showed heightened pain sensitivity and nerve abnormalities. Findings highlight the impact of chronic post-declaw pain and support the need to develop therapeutic strategies to alleviate chronic pain in DOA cats.

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FIP Caregiver Survey

Colorado State University, University of Sydney, University of Bristol

Three universities are conducting an international online survey to better understand cat caregiver experiences with feline infectious peritonitis (FIP). The responses will help veterinarians and researchers improve support, access, and communication for future cats and their families affected by FIP. Veterinarians and technicians are not eligible to participate, but you can share this with your clients.

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What Your Cat is Saying with Its Eyes

The Spruce Pets

Cats use eye movements and pupil changes to express trust, dominance, or aggression. Unlike dogs, feline signals are subtle and often misunderstood. Experts say learning this visual language can deepen bonds with your pet.

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What's the Deal with Split-face Chimera Cats?

Mental Floss

Split-face chimera cats captivate with their perfectly divided facial coloring. Their striking appearance often sparks curiosity about their genetic origins. Scientists explain how these rare felines form from two embryos merging in early development.

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Why Your Cat is Acting Out and How to Help Them Behave Better

A-Z Animals

Cats are adored worldwide, but behavioral issues can strain the bond between pet and caregiver. From litter box troubles to excessive meowing, experts say most problems are fixable. Understanding the root cause is key to helping your cat behave better.

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New Test Can Flag Drugs That Could Be Harmful to Cats

Washington State University

A new feline drug test builds on years of research by WSU's Katrina Mealey. It targets a genetic mutation that makes some cats vulnerable to severe medication reactions. The test could help vets avoid prescribing harmful treatments.

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