

# Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!,

## Happy Spooky Season!

### Announcements:

#### **Community Tails: Why Is My Cat Vomiting?**



Join Dr. Wendy Simpson of Morrisville Cat Hospital for an evening of insight, answers, and practical tips to keep your feline feeling their best.

July 17 October 14th | alarm clock icon 6:30–8:30 PM  
location pin icon Pour Taproom, Durham

Space is limited — RSVP required: [\*\*Register here\*\*](#)

### **♥ A Note About New Client Appointments**

At Morrisville Cat Hospital, our top priority is providing the very best care to our patients and their families. To ensure we continue providing the same attentive care and exceptional service to our current patients, we will temporarily be accepting new clients on a waiting list.

This pause allows our team to stay fully focused on the cats already in our care, while still giving future families a place in line. We will contact those on the waiting list as soon as openings become available.

Thank you for your understanding and for being such an important part of the MCH family. 

## **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. *More information to come!*

### **A New Healthy Pet Connect Challenge!**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to add years to your pet's life & contribute to a cause you care about.

1. Vet Assessment: Consult your vet to assess your pet's body/muscle condition, lifestyle, ideal weight, and caloric needs.
2. Get the HPC App. Download the HPC app, sign up for a free HPC subscription, and log your pet's starting weight.
3. Track with Smart Scale. Use recommended HPC connected scales for precise weight tracking, ensuring accurate & reliable progress monitoring - especially for cats!
4. Lose, Give, Win! Log your pet's weight weekly, get vet support to ensure safe weight loss, crowdfund for rescues, and earn points to win amazing prizes!

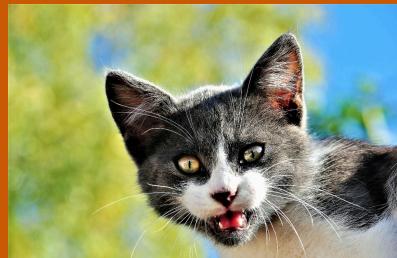
### **New Guidelines Reimagine Life for Indoor Cats: What Veterinarians Need to Know**

Vet Candy

New guidelines from FelineVMA stress that indoor cats need more than safety — they require emotional care and mental stimulation. A new statement outlines the challenges indoor cats face and offers a clear path to better overall well-being.



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### **Helping Clients Reduce Feline Stress During Vet Visits**

dvm360

Feline stress often begins at home, triggered by subtle cues like a phone call or the sudden appearance of the cat carrier. Owners unintentionally escalate anxiety by chasing and

forcing cats into carriers, then exposing them to stressful travel and loud clinics.

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## **What Owning a Cat Does to Your Brain (and Theirs)**

The Conversation

Cats may act aloof, but studies show their bond with humans is fueled by oxytocin — the same hormone tied to trust and affection. This "love hormone" lowers stress, builds connection, and is triggered by gentle human-cat interactions like petting.

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## **Does Your Cat Think You're Their Baby? They Sure Do Lick You a Lot**

Kinship

Many cat caregivers treat their pets like babies, but emerging insights suggest cats may see us as their own kittens. Unlike dogs, cats use kitten-like behaviors with humans, hinting at a complex bond that challenges our usual pet-parent assumptions.

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**Planning helps ensure care for pets  
after owner's death**  
Advocate Magazine (Dallas)

Pet owners should plan for the care of pets after their own death by including instructions in a will, enrolling pets in programs such as the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center or Pet Peace of Mind, or by making arrangements with a family member or friend to take the animal, says veterinarian Virginia Ellsworth. Pets may grieve the death of their owner and may need extra attention during transitions, Dr. Ellsworth says.



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**The Very Best Diet for Cats, According  
to Vets**  
Reader's Digest

Feeding your cat well boosts their health, energy, and lifespan. The right nutrition supports every part of their body, helping maintain weight and avoid harmful foods. Experts say tailoring your cat's diet ensures they thrive at every life stage.

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# Lethargy in Cats: Vet's Guide to Symptoms, Causes, and Treatment

PetsRadar

Cats often seem sleepy, but persistent sluggishness could be a sign of illness. From mild infections to life-threatening conditions, subtle behavior changes matter. Knowing your cat's normal patterns helps spot lethargy early and seek timely veterinary care.

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## FDA Notifies Pet Caregivers That Tests Show H5N1 Contamination in Certain Lots of RAWR Raw Cat Food Chicken Eats

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) testing has linked H5N1 virus contamination to specific RAWR Raw Cat Food Chicken Eats lots after a cat became fatally ill. Samples from these lots tested positive, prompting a public notice as investigations continue into the contamination source.

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## Bird Flu Outbreak in House Cats: High-risk but Survival Is Possible

Phys.org

A recent study shows cats infected with bird flu can survive with fast veterinary care and antiviral treatment. One cat in California was euthanized after eating raw food, but others fully recovered when treated early with oseltamivir.

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## Want to Communicate with Cats? Try This Simple Yet Effective Trick Proven by Scientists

My Modern Met

Cats may be harder to read than dogs, but scientists have identified a simple way to connect — slow blinking. Narrowing your eyes and blinking slowly can encourage cats to return the gesture, creating a mutual, trust-building interaction.



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