

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!

Happy September! Autumn is almost here!

Announcements:

BOARDING UPDATE

We are excited to share that Morrisville Cat Hospital is reopening a limited number of boarding spots! Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to reserve early to secure a cozy, comfortable stay for your feline friend.

NEW ROYAL CANIN PROMOTION

Royal Canin clients SAVE 25% on first purchase up to \$20 OFF of new Royal Canin **autoship subscriptions**.

From September 1 to October 31, 2025, you have an opportunity to delight your pet owners with a 25% discount on Royal Canin products through your online pharmacy platforms (Covetrus, Vetcove, Vetsource, VMSO/MWI, and Blue Rabbit).

Best of all, no promo code is needed—the discount is automatically applied when a Royal Canin customer signs up for **a new auto-ship** on your platform (Covetrus, Vetcove, Vetsource, VMSO/MWI, and Blue Rabbit).



Treatment of Feline Lymphocytic Lymphoma/Chronic Inflammatory Enteropathy Complex with Low-dose Abdominal Cavity Radiation Therapy

Veterinary and Comparative Oncology

A pilot study tested low-dose abdominal radiation in cats with lymphoma or chronic intestinal issues. Most cats tolerated treatment, with several showing long-term improvement. The approach may offer hope when steroids or pills aren't viable.



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Genetic Test Detects Early Signs of Kidney Disease in Cats

Phys.org

A simple cheek swab now lets cat caregivers detect chronic kidney disease risk early. Developed by WSU veterinarians, the FAIM genetic test identifies predisposition years before symptoms, offering a chance to slow progression and extend a cat's life.

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5 Reasons Why Your Cat Loves Following You into the Bathroom

The Spruce Pets

Cats are drawn to bathrooms thanks to cozy warmth, tempting textures, and playful water features. This quirky habit is usually harmless, but calls for simple safety steps to keep your curious feline from mischief or unexpected hazards.



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New Resource: Meeting the Physical and Emotional Needs of Indoor Cats Position Statement

FelineVMA

The FelineVMA has released a new Position Statement, Meeting the Physical and Emotional Needs of Indoor Cats. This Position Statement outlines a comprehensive framework to support the wellbeing of cats living exclusively indoors. While indoor living reduces exposure to many physical dangers, the statement emphasizes that safety alone is not enough — emotional and behavioral needs must be prioritized equally. Check out the full Position Statement below.

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Tools for the Approach of Fear, Anxiety, and Stress in the Domestic Feline: An Update

Veterinary Medicine International

Domestic cats are beloved worldwide, yet many caregivers misunderstand their emotional needs. Fear, anxiety, and stress often challenge cat–human relationships. This review explains feline stress responses, offering handling tips, environmental advice, and medical options for calmer veterinary visits.



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Understanding Feline Behavior for Better Diagnosis, Stronger Bonds

American Veterinary Medical Association

Cats constantly communicate needs through behavior. Recognizing these signs fosters stronger human-animal bonds and aids diagnosis. Behavioral changes can reveal hidden illness, guiding veterinarians toward better care and helping owners meet their pets' needs with empathy.

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Chewable Dog Medication Sends 2 Cats into Kidney Failure

Phys.org

Two North Carolina cats developed acute kidney injury after eating chewable Apoquel, a dog allergy drug. Veterinarians warn even small doses can cause severe illness, prompting advice to avoid the flavored form or store it securely away from cats.



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Scientists Reveal Secrets to Getting Your Cat to Love You

Newsweek

Researchers in Spain found 13 lifestyle and behavior factors that influence cat-caregiver relationships. Variables like breed, time spent together, housing type, and behavioral issues all play roles in strengthening or straining the feline-human bond.

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Do Calicos Really Have More 'Cat-titude' Than Other Cats?

Kinship

Stereotypes claim calicos are feistier, but science says otherwise. Personality varies widely, shaped by upbringing and environment, not just coat color. Perceptions often stem from rare, memorable encounters rather than genetic predisposition, making each cat truly unique.

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Feline Herpesvirus Type 1 Infection Alters the Diversity of Upper Respiratory Tract Microbiota in Cats

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

Feline herpesvirus type 1 disrupts the respiratory microbiota in cats. Researchers compared infected and healthy cats, revealing increased microbial diversity and significant shifts in microbial communities, pointing to potential new approaches for treatment and disease management.

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10 Noises Your Cat Makes — and What They All Mean

Reader's Digest

Cats may seem mysterious, but their sounds speak volumes. From cheerful trills to urgent meows, each vocalization reveals emotion or need. Learning their meaning helps you connect deeply with your pet and understand what they're truly trying to say.

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Why Do Cats Hate Water? An Expert Explains

Popular Science

Cats may seem curious about water, but often flee after accidental dips. While some cats enjoy swimming, most avoid it due to evolution, limited early exposure, and uncomfortable past experiences that shape how they respond to getting wet.

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