

# Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!,

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

Announcements:

**Feline Symposium: Health Breakthroughs  
for EveryCat — April 11–12, 2026**

We're thrilled to announce that our very own Dr. Wendy Simpson will be a featured speaker at Health Breakthroughs for EveryCat: Feline Healthy Aging, a feline health symposium presented by EveryCat Health Foundation and the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine Feline Health Center!

When: April 11–12, 2026

Where: NC State College of Veterinary Medicine, Raleigh, NC

Who: Open to veterinary professionals and cat lovers alike — with both in-person and livestream options.

This two-day event offers continuing education for veterinary professionals alongside a one-day track tailored for cat owners and caregivers. Attendees will gain insight into the latest feline health research, practical care tips, and expert strategies for healthy aging.

Whether you're a veterinary professional or a devoted cat parent, this symposium is not to be missed!



Learn more and register today: [felinesymposium.squarespace.com](http://felinesymposium.squarespace.com)

## Help Your Friends Find Feline-Focused Care

Morrisville Cat Hospital is accepting new clients. Scheduling is typically 4–6 weeks out, but we can add cats to our waiting list for earlier openings.

## Boarding Available at Morrisville Cat Hospital

Planning a trip or need a safe place for your cat to stay? Morrisville Cat Hospital offers feline-exclusive boarding in a calm, stress-reduced environment designed just for cats.

Our boarding guests enjoy:

- Spacious, cat-only accommodations
- Daily monitoring by our trained veterinary team
- Medication administration (if needed)
- A quiet setting tailored to feline comfort

Because we are a feline specialty hospital, your cat is cared for by professionals who understand their unique needs — giving you peace of mind while you're away. Space is limited, especially around holidays, so we recommend booking early! Call us at (919) 678-1554 to reserve your cat's stay.

## New Guidelines Call for Earlier Diagnosis, Intervention in Feline Dental Disease

American Veterinary Medical Association

Fresh guidelines from the FelineVMA set higher standards for cat oral health, emphasizing early diagnosis and treatment. The resource promotes radiography, client education, and structured care to reduce pain. Experts say the approach could transform outcomes for feline patients.

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## Ruff Days or Cat-astrophies? How to Help Pets Handle Stressful Situations

Phys.org

Chronic stress in pets can trigger health issues like high blood pressure and weakened immunity. Experts say body language offers clues to rising stress. Learning these signals helps caregivers support pets during challenging situations.

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## How Cold is Too Cold for Your Outdoor Cat? Vets Weigh In

Country Living

Outdoor cats face serious risks when temperatures drop, especially with snow or rain. Experts say indoor cats live longer and avoid dangers like disease and toxins. Veterinarians recommend bringing cats inside when freezing weather approaches.

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## Is Ozempic for Cats the Next Big Thing? Vets Are Testing a Weight Loss Implant for Chonky Felines

Vet Candy

Veterinarians may soon have a new tool for obese cats: a long-acting implant inspired by human weight loss drugs. Early trials aim to test safety and effectiveness in reducing fat without major diet changes. Experts urge caution as research is just beginning.

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## Ever Wonder Why Your Cat's Tail is So Long? Here's Why

Catster

Cats flaunt tails that range from stubs to nearly a foot long, sparking curiosity among caregivers. The variation isn't random or purely breed-based. Genetics play a key role in determining how much tail your feline friend will have.

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## 5 Ways to Make Your Cat Happier This Year

Forbes

Experts say cats need more attention than many realize. Simple steps can boost their happiness and health, benefiting the whole household. A veterinarian shares practical tips to keep feline friends thriving this year.

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## Veterinarian Reveals Signs Your Cat Loves You as Much as a Dog — Some Are Surprising

Newsweek

Cats rarely greet caregivers like dogs, but experts say their affection is real. Veterinarian Liza Cahn explains that feline love appears through unique behaviors and body language. Research shows cats reduce stress and offer entertainment despite being less demonstrative.

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