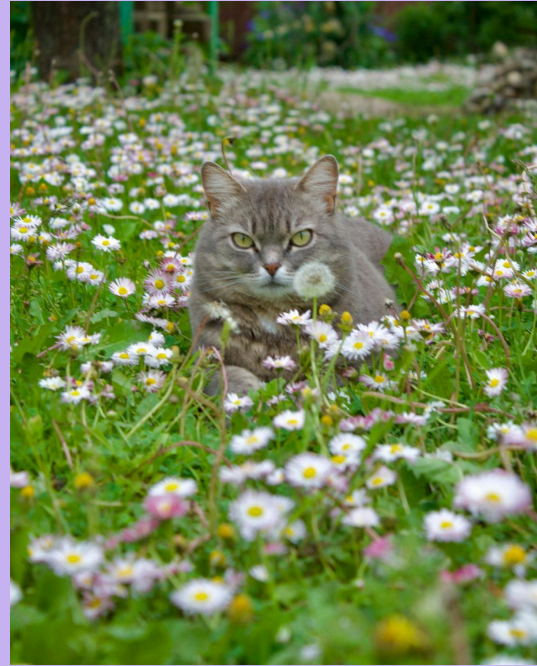


Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings,

Happy Holidays! Don't forget that April 22nd is Earth 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

We're looking for loving homes for two special cats in need!

Meet Dennis the Adventurous Cat: Dennis is an energetic, talkative, and curious cat who loves to explore, play, and stay close to his people. While not a lap cat, he shows affection through companionship and headbutts. He'd do best as the only cat in a home where he can get plenty of attention, enrichment, and interaction. He is currently being fostered by MCH and is up for adoption through the SPCA of Wake County! Find more info about him and apply to adopt him **HERE.**



Meet Lucy the Queen of Chill Seeking her Forever Kingdom: Are you looking for a low-maintenance best friend who doubles as a supermodel? Lucy is the one for you!

Vibe: Quiet, easygoing, and deeply loyal.

Talents: Professional snuggling, looking adorable in costumes, and melting hearts.

Love Language: Physical touch and Delectables liquid treats.

Lucy's world was turned upside down recently, and while she takes a moment to "vet" new friends, once you're in, you're in for life. She's a refined lady who prefers the quiet life, so she's looking for a cat-free home where she can be your one-and-only.

Bonus: Lucy comes with a "Legacy Grant"—her family is so committed to her happiness that they are offering to cover her future veterinary expenses. **Please Contact:** kahbreaux@gmail.com to find out more!

Adopting a New Cat or Kitten

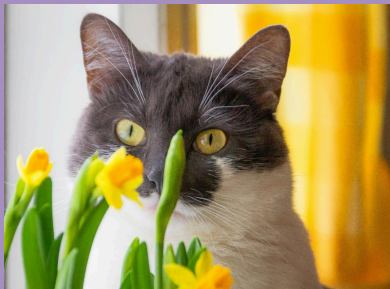
FelineVMA

Cat adoption is one of the most rewarding things in life. However, a new cat is also a lot of responsibility, even if the soon-to-be caregiver already has cats in their home. Our latest article, "Welcome Your New Cat or Kitten and Be a Cat Friendly Caregiver," provides a brief guide on how caregivers can prepare and what they should plan for and expect when adopting a new cat. The article stresses the importance of getting a new kitten to the veterinarian for immunization, parasite checks, and spay/neuter



surgeries, and encourages caregivers to be methodical and serious about the process. Whether your clients already visit you often for their cat care needs, or they are finding you for the first time in this journey, you can share this article in your client newsletters, flyers, or online to empower current or future caregivers with the knowledge they need to make their new adoption a successful one!

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New Research Confirms What Veterinarians Have Always Suspected: Most People Cannot Read a Stressed Cat Vet Candy

New research finds that most people struggle to recognize when a cat is stressed. In a large study, accuracy barely beat chance when participants judged feline body language alone. The findings quantify a long-standing concern among veterinarians about human blind spots.

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Commentary: The Hidden Harm of Inappropriate Language About Cats in Veterinary and Social Media Spaces

dvm360

Casual labels used for cats in clinics often misinterpret fear or pain as personality flaws. The authors argue that language quietly shapes expectations, handling, and culture. Social media humor can amplify these effects, influencing how cats and veterinary care are perceived.

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Evaluation of Safety and Efficacy of an Ophytrium and Seboliance-containing Mousse with or without Shampoo in Cats with Keratinisation Disorders

Journal of Small Animal Practice

A new study examines whether an ophytrium-based shampoo and mousse can ease feline seborrhea. Researchers tested the products on cats with various keratinisation disorders. Early findings suggest the regimen may quickly improve coat texture and visible skin signs.

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Human Beliefs Influence Cat Reality

American Veterinary Medical Association

Cats may seem aloof, but research shows they enjoy human interaction. Experts say human assumptions shape feline behavior and wellbeing. New insights urge a reevaluation of long-held beliefs about cats.

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What Really Happens to a Cat's Brain When They Never Go Outside

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Indoor cats may seem easygoing, but experts warn that constant indoor living can limit mental stimulation. Veterinarians say boredom and stress can quietly affect behavior and health. Subtle warning signs are often mistaken for normal feline habits.

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How Do Cats Always Land on Their Feet? Researchers Examined Feline Spines to Find Out

Smithsonian Magazine

Researchers examined how cats twist midfall by testing live and preserved spines. They found that the upper body rotates earlier and more flexibly than the lower body. The work highlights how distinct spinal regions contribute to the animals' righting reflex.

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Your Cat Isn't Confusing. You're Just Missing the Signs

USA TODAY

Respect Your Cat Day highlights how often humans misread feline signals. New research suggests cats communicate through hundreds of subtle cues beyond sounds and posture. Scientists studying café cats found facial expressions play a surprisingly large role.

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Your Cat Ghosted Your Bed: Here's What Changed

Catster

Cats often change sleeping spots when their environment shifts. These choices reflect comfort, stress, or evolving routines. A sudden bedtime disappearance may signal subtle changes worth noticing.

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When to Take Your Cat to the Emergency Veterinarian

Forbes

A veterinarian outlines key warning signs that signal a cat may need urgent medical help. The guidance explains how sudden symptoms can indicate a serious problem.

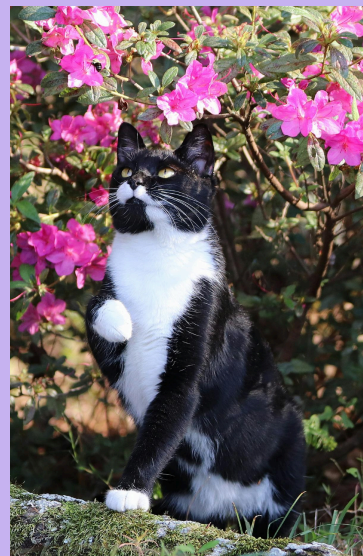
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A Two-center, Randomized Controlled Trial to Determine the Effect of 12 Weeks of Caloric Restriction with a Novel Diet in Overweight Cats with Diabetes Mellitus

Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine

Researchers explored whether structured calorie reduction could improve outcomes for overweight diabetic cats. The trial compared cats on a weight-loss plan with those maintaining weight while all ate a therapeutic diet. Restricted calories may meaningfully influence remission and glucose control.

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Researchers Find the Simplest Way to Help Your Cat Live Longer

Kinship

Researchers say indoor cats tend to live far longer than outdoor ones. A large review found that outdoor cats often die prematurely due to common hazards. The findings highlight how trauma risks like cars and fights can sharply shorten feline lifespans.

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First aid tips for pet owners

AVMA Today

Do you know how or when to perform CPR on a pet? Or what to do if your pet is bleeding? April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month. Although first aid care is not a substitute for veterinary care, it may save your pet's life until veterinary treatment is available. View AVMA's first aid tips for pet owners.

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