

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings,

Happy May!

Announcements:

**Morrisville Cat Hospital Closure –
Wednesday, May 13**



We wanted to let you know that Morrisville Cat Hospital will be closed to the public on Wednesday, May 13th as our team participates in staff training.

This time is set aside so our team can continue learning together and strengthening the care we provide to your cats. We truly appreciate your understanding as we invest in ongoing education and growth.

If you need anything ahead of this date—medications, refills, food, or other supplies—please reach out and we'll be happy to help make arrangements. If you need to stop by to pick up urgent prescriptions or supplies, please plan to do so between 7:15 AM – 8:00 AM or between 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM on Wednesday.

If your cat is experiencing an emergency while we are closed, please contact Truss Vet Urgent Care.

We're honored to share that Morrisville Cat Hospital has been nominated for Veterinary Team of the Year!

This recognition means so much to our team, and we are incredibly grateful to our clients, patients, and community for trusting us with your cats' care every day. Our doctors, technicians, assistants, receptionists, and support staff work hard to provide compassionate, specialized feline medicine, and we're proud to see that dedication recognized.

Thank you for being part of our journey and for supporting our amazing team! Voting is open from May 12th - May 26th. **More Info Here**

Featured Artist Spotlight: Custom Pet Portraits by Brenda Scott

We're excited to share the work of local artist Brenda Scott, whose custom portraits beautifully capture the unique personality and spirit of beloved pets. Whether you're looking to honor a current companion or memorialize a beloved pet, Brenda offers custom commissioned portraits in a variety of styles and sizes.

To learn more about commissions, pricing, and availability, visit <https://purrfectportrait.com/>

Assessment of the Diagnostic Accuracy of Clinical Signs in Feline Diffuse Iris Melanoma

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

Researchers reviewed cases of cats with pigment changes in their eyes to see which signs pointed toward melanoma. They examined combinations of clinical features to improve diagnostic accuracy. Early findings suggest that specific iris changes may help guide timely treatment decisions.

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Cat Shampoo Alternatives That Are Already in Your House

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When cats get into messy trouble, grabbing human shampoo can make things worse. Their skin has a different pH that reacts poorly to products made for people. Luckily, common household items can offer safe alternatives.

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5 Weird Sounds Only Cats Can Hear That People Can't, According to a Vet

Parade Pets

Cats often react to noises humans cannot hear. A veterinarian explains that their heightened sensitivity allows them to detect quieter, more distant sounds. Their broad hearing range and mobile ears give them impressive awareness of their environment.

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The 10 Common Causes of Sudden Death in Cats (and Which Ones Are Preventable)

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Sudden cat deaths often stem from hidden illnesses or sudden injuries that caregivers rarely anticipate. Veterinary research shows trauma and heart disease top the list, with risks rising for outdoor cats. Knowing subtle warning signs may help caregivers act sooner.

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Why Does Your Cat Love Boxes? The Answer Will Make You See Its Behavior Differently

Futura-Sciences

Cats often ignore expensive toys in favor of simple boxes, a behavior rooted in instinct rather than whim. Experts say boxes help cats hunt, hide, and feel secure. Research suggests these enclosed spaces can even reduce feline stress.

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Dealing with Purr-sistent Cats: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Feeding-time Enrichment to Reduce Attention-seeking Feline Behaviors?

Applied Animal Behaviour Science

Indoor cats often seek constant attention from caregivers when their needs go unmet. Researchers tested feeding-time enrichment to address the issue. Results suggest structured play or food puzzles may help reduce daily attention-seeking behaviors.

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Some Ticks Can Survive Longer in Your Home Than Previously Believed, New Study Finds

dvm360

New research from Ohio State University challenges assumptions about how quickly ticks die indoors. The study shows ticks carried inside on pets or clothing can persist on common flooring for weeks. Experts say the findings reshape guidance on home and pet prevention.



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9 Signs Your Cat Sees You as Its Safe Place

Bunko.pet

Cats may seem aloof, but some everyday behaviors signal deep trust and security with their humans. The article explains how feline instincts make safety rare and why choosing a person as a refuge matters. Experts say recognizing these subtle cues helps strengthen bonds and protect that hard-earned trust.

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Finicky cats may just be bored with their food

ScienceAlert

Boredom may cause some cats to stop eating before they finish a meal, then resume eating after a short interval, according to a study in the journal *Physiology Behavior*. Cats in the study ate less when repeatedly given the same food but resumed eating when offered a different food or one with a new scent. "Sensory novelty, especially olfactory novelty, can reactivate feeding motivation in cats," said animal behaviorist Masao Miyazki, the study's corresponding author.



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