

Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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GREETINGS!

Happy Summer!

Announcements:

Are You Looking for a Cat Activity?

Mark your calendars for Carolina Kitty Con on June 20–21 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh! This exciting two-day event celebrates all things feline with cat-themed vendors, rescue organizations, educational speakers, special guests, interactive activities, and so much more. Whether you're a devoted cat parent, a rescue advocate, or simply a fan of our feline friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Featured guests include Sterling "TrapKing" Davis, Nathan the Cat Lady, Kate Benjamin of Hauspanther, and Moshow the Cat Rapper.

Spend the weekend connecting with fellow cat enthusiasts, supporting local rescues, shopping unique cat-themed merchandise, and celebrating the cats we all love.



📢 Temporary Closure for Staff Meeting

Morrisville Cat Hospital will be closed from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on July 1st for a staff meeting and team training session.

Our team is committed to providing the highest level of care for our feline patients, and this dedicated meeting time allows us to continue improving our services and communication.

We will reopen at 10:00 AM and resume normal operations for appointments, phone calls, and prescription requests.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to caring for you and your cats!

Meet Pringles!

Pringles is a wonderful 2-year old male cat looking for his forever home. He's a handsome boy with a relaxed disposition. He enjoys roaming & exploring the house and loves attention from his people. He's especially fond of head and chin scratches and love to chase unseen toys that move mysteriously under a throw or blanket.

He's come a long way since he was returned to the Paws4Ever rescue in late 2025 due to allergy issues. After lots of love and TLC from his foster parents and Morrisville Cat Hospital, Pringles is getting ready for the next chapter with a loving family.

Pringles is curious with other cats. We believe he would thrive equally well as an only cat, a companion to a calm female cat, or as a mentor and playmate to younger cats and kittens.

Pringles at a glance:

Compatibility with cats - He does well with calm female cats, but may also do well with young cats and kittens.

Compatibility with dogs - Unknown

Compatibility with children - Unknown

Vaccinations - Up to date on all shots; and flea meds too. Pringles is also very easy to medicate.



To set up a meet & greet, or if you have other questions, email adopt@paws4ever.org or call the adoption center at 919.241.8483 ext. 103

Avian Influenza and Feline Patients

Today's Veterinary Practice

Highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 is expanding rapidly across species and regions. Cats that develop clinical disease often face severe neurologic or respiratory illness with a poor prognosis. Exposure risks include wild birds, livestock, and raw dairy or meat.

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How to Help Cats Overcome the 'Carrier Barrier'

Forbes

Many cats skip routine veterinary care, often because travel carriers trigger fear and chaos at home. Veterinarians warn that this avoidance can delay diagnosis as cats hide illness. Experts say changing how carriers are used could ease stress for cats and caregivers.

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Improved Kitten Care Highlighted in New Report

Veterinary Practice News

A new report reframes a kitten's first year as a critical window for lifelong health. It calls for more proactive veterinary care beyond early vaccines. Nutrition, gut health, and updated care standards are central themes shaping the guidance.

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Training Cats? Yes It's Possible Explains Animal Behavior Expert WVTF

Cats may seem untrainable but animal behavior experts say that belief is outdated. At Virginia Tech, students spent a semester teaching shelter cats basic skills using positive reinforcement. The results are reshaping assumptions about feline behavior and welfare.

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The Social Competences of Companion Cats — A Representative Study of the Welfare of Cats in Single Versus Multi-cat Households

Applied Animal Behaviour Science

Researchers examine whether living alone or with other cats affects companion cat welfare. Using Danish survey data, they explore health and behavior alongside housing, resources, and personality. The findings reveal trade-offs that challenge simple answers about multi-cat homes.

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Free-roaming and Captive Cats Prefer Silver Vine to Catnip for Self-anointing

Journal of Chemical Ecology

Researchers tested whether catnip or silver vine better prompts cats to engage. Free-roaming and captive cats consistently favored silver vine in free-choice trials. Chemical analysis found plenty of catnip's active compound, suggesting lab bioactivity may not predict real-world response.

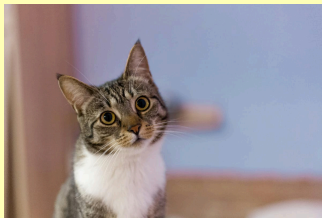
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Addressing Conflict Between Feline Housemates

Today's Veterinary Nurse

Conflict between cats sharing a home is common and often escalates before caregivers seek help. Subtle body language can reveal growing tension long before fights erupt. The article explores how early recognition and simple changes can improve feline relationships.

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Kidney Disease in Cats: Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment

Forbes

Kidney disease is a common diagnosis in older cats and often develops gradually. Veterinarians say the condition can be hard to spot early. Understanding how it affects the body may help caregivers recognize warning signs sooner.

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Can Cultivated Hamster Cells Compete with Chicken Meat? Insights on Acceptance and Digestibility in Domestic Cats

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

Cultivated meat is emerging as a possible answer to sustainability and ethics questions in pet food. Researchers tested a cat diet made with lab-grown hamster cells instead of chicken. The results hint at surprising acceptance and digestive performance.

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8 Important Considerations Before Adopting a Cat, According to a Veterinarian

Parade Pets

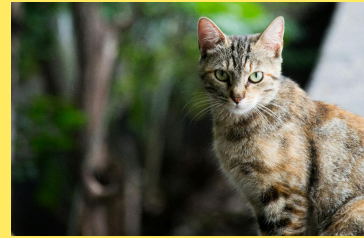
Adopting a cat may seem simple, but reality often surprises first-time caregivers. Daily care, costs, and routines require more effort than expected. Hidden challenges and emotional rewards shape the true experience of being a cat caregiver.

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Here's How Long It Takes a Cat to Forget a Person, According to Science

Futura

Leaving a cat behind can spark fears that they'll forget you over time. Research shows cats remember important people longer than expected, recognizing voices and names. Scientists say feline memory is complex and still not fully understood.



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