

# Morrisville Cat Hospital Newsletter



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Greetings!

**Happy September! It's the start of Fall!**

Announcements:

**Referring a Friend to Morrisville Cat Hospital?**



We're so grateful when our established clients recommend us to friends and family! Due to the high volume of new-client requests, we are currently accepting new clients through a waitlist.

If you refer someone to us, please let them know that we'll be happy to add them to our waitlist and contact them when an appointment becomes available.

If their cat is experiencing an emergency or has an urgent medical need, we are happy to recommend other veterinary facilities in the area that we trust and recommend for more immediate care.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about Morrisville Cat Hospital and for trusting us with your cats!

## **Important Chewy Prescription Update**

Chewy.com has updated its prescription portal. Pet owners must now submit all prescription requests directly through Chewy, including refill requests.

Unfortunately, our hospital is no longer able to place, initiate, or submit Chewy prescription orders on your behalf. Once you submit your request through your Chewy account, Chewy will contact us directly to obtain prescription approval when needed.

Thank you for your understanding as we adapt to this change in Chewy's ordering process.

### **Important Adequan Availability Update**

Adequan has been recalled, which may affect product availability nationwide. As a result, our hospital may have a limited supply or may be temporarily unable to dispense Adequan directly.

Adequan may still be available through our online pharmacy or through Chewy.com, depending on current inventory. If your pet needs a refill, please contact us early so we can help review available options and avoid an interruption in treatment.

### **Development and Validation of a Quality of Life and Treatment Satisfaction Measure in Feline Osteoarthritis**

Frontiers in Veterinary Science

Feline osteoarthritis can diminish quality of life for cats and caregivers alike. Researchers developed a condition-specific assessment covering wellbeing and treatment satisfaction. Results suggest the tool may help veterinarians better track outcomes and experiences.

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### **Adding Famciclovir Early May Help Kittens Recover Faster from Upper Respiratory Disease**

Vet Candy

A large clinical trial examined whether adding famciclovir to standard treatment improves outcomes for kittens with upper respiratory disease. Researchers followed hundreds of patients with ocular signs linked to herpesvirus infections. Early findings suggest antiviral therapy may offer important benefits.

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## Is Your Cat Happy? Here's How You Can Tell

Catster

Cats may seem distant, but they experience happiness and show it in recognizable ways. Their emotional signals are often subtler than people expect. Understanding those cues can help caregivers spot contentment and notice when something seems off.

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## Does Your Cat Sniff You? How Cats Communicate with Us

RTÉ Brainstorm

Cats may seem aloof, but research suggests they recognize their caregiver by scent. A study found felines spend longer sniffing strangers than familiar people. Animal behavior expert Alice Chau explains what these signals reveal about human-cat bonds.

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## Exploring Viewer Perceptions of Videos Depicting Cat-dissented 'Play' and Their Potential to Contribute to Harmful Interactions

Anthrozoös

Researchers examined reactions to online videos showing cats in distress during supposed play. Many viewers interpreted warning signs as affection or harmless behavior. The findings raise new questions about cat welfare and social media culture.

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## Complications of Bandages in Cats

Clinician's Brief

Bandages are commonly used in feline orthopedic care, but cats may be more prone to complications than dogs. A study of 152 cases examined how often problems occur and what factors increase risk. The findings highlight concerns veterinarians may not want to overlook.

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## The 60-second Check That Can Change Outcomes for HCM Patients

Veterinary Practice News

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy affects roughly 1 in 7 cats and often progresses unnoticed until a crisis occurs. New treatment options are emerging alongside simple monitoring tools. Experts say a 60-second at-home check may help reveal changes before obvious symptoms appear.

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## Your Pet Has Been Studying You

Eugene Weekly

Your pet may recognize far more than caregivers realize through daily routines and subtle cues. A longtime pet sitter says animals often seem surprisingly intuitive. An Oregon State researcher explains the science behind those observations and bonds.

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## Inside the 'Catio' Boom: How Outdoor Enclosures Give Cats a Safe Taste of Nature

USA Today

Demand for catios has surged from a niche idea into a booming business. These outdoor cat spaces now feature elaborate designs and custom amenities. One builder creates celebrity installations that can cost up to \$100,000.

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## Caregiver-reported Experiences of Transitioning Cats from Outdoor to Indoor Living

Applied Animal Behaviour Science

Outdoor access exposes cats to injury, disease, and conflict while threatening wildlife. More caregivers are moving cats indoors, but the welfare effects remain understudied. Existing research suggests most cats can adapt when key needs are met.

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## Cats Recognize Each Other by Pee Like a Chemical ID and the Secret May Be Hidden in Their Kidneys

ZME Science

Cat urine may carry a unique chemical name tag tied to rare fatty acids. Researchers found stable scent patterns that differ between cats and may originate in the kidneys. The discovery hints at how felines identify one another over time.

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## Your Cat Knows Exactly Where You are in the House Without Ever Seeing You

A-Z Animals

Many cat caregivers feel watched even when their cats are out of sight. New research suggests cats may understand more about household movements than expected. Scientists tested that idea and uncovered a surprising clue about feline awareness.

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