



Cat Tales

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Dr. Colleran's Corner

AAFP

There are many organizations that are "all about cats". There are rescue groups, spay/neuter groups, trap-neuter-release groups, humane groups, fan groups, special breed groups, and more! The one I am very proud to belong to is the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). This is the mission statement:

The American Association of Feline Practitioners improves the health and welfare of cats by supporting high standards of practice, continuing education, and scientific investigation."

Within this organization are committees that work on many important issues related to cats, their lives, and their care. The Welfare Committee addresses ethical matters such as welfare of shelter cats, end of life issues, and hospice care. The Guidelines Committee creates comprehensive publications for veterinarians regarding pain management, care of the senior cat, understanding feline behavior and more. The Student Chapters committee helps to educate veterinary students and promote the importance of understanding the unique nature of cats and their treatment.

The association produces a highly regarded journal that features medicine, surgery, and research only for felines. Each issue includes original research, review articles and case reports within this very specialized field. Practical articles relevant to feline patients in the clinical setting are also included.

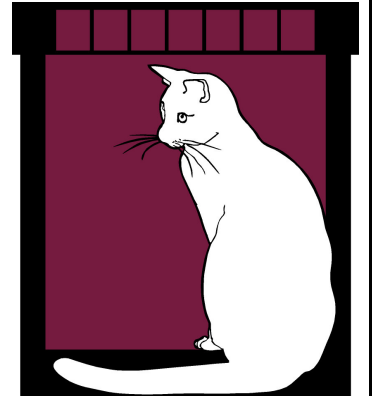
We all know how unique our own cats are. This organization focuses on the uniqueness of all cats. Behavior, medicine, surgical techniques, nursing care, and pain management are just a few of the ways the cats differ from other species. AAFP celebrates that difference and works hard to help feline patients in every setting.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BE A VOLUNTEER!!!

Oregon Humane Society -503.285.7722

Cat Adoption Team - 503.925.8803

House of Dreams - 503.262.0763



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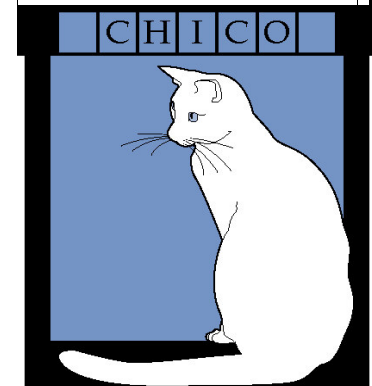
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Portland, OR 97202
503.235.7005

www.portlandcats.com

Chico Hospital For Cats

548 W. East Avenue
Chico, CA 95926
530.892.2287

www.chicocats.com



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HEALTH BENEFITS OF PETS

Most households in the United States have at least one pet.

Did you know that having a pet can help decrease:

Stress
Blood pressure
Cholesterol levels
Triglyceride levels
Feelings of loneliness (with their unconditional love)
Minor health problems

As well as increasing:

Positive moods
Opportunities for exercise and outdoor activities
Opportunities for socialization

So many reasons to love and share your home with pets.



SUMMER DANGERS

Foxtails are everywhere, including cat's eye, nose and ears. If your cat is squinting or is rapidly sneezing, bring him in! Foxtails have barbs similar to fish hooks and travel in a forward direction. The sooner we get it out, the better.

All cats love to play with and eat bugs. Some of them can be a danger to your cat's health. Most stinging insects like hornets, wasps and even bees can be not only painful but have serious consequences.

If stung on the face or if swallowed, the venom of bees can cause the airway to swell causing your cat to struggle to breath. If your cat extends his neck and breaths with an open mouth, forcing air movement with his chest and abdomen, it is an emergency. Immediately get your cat to your veterinarian or local emergency hospital.

Spiders generally won't harm your cat but there are 2 spiders to avoid. Black Widows and the Brown Recluse Spider.

Any open wounds on your cat should be treated immediately before flies can lay eggs in the wound.

Ant spray, snail bait and any insecticide or fertilizer can attract and poison your cat.

With the heat comes overheating cars and anti-freeze. Antifreeze can destroy your pet's kidneys very quickly if ingested.

Heat exhaustion: Cats, like humans, can suffer from heat exhaustion when they are exposed to heat for extended periods of time. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are excessive panting, drooling, and restlessness. If your cat exhibits these symptoms bathe him or her in cool, but not cold, water and wrap your cat in a cool, damp towel. Drive him or her to your veterinarian or animal hospital. Heat exhaustion is a medical emergency and if not treated quickly, your cat may collapse or even go in to a coma.

Please keep your pets safe and have a wonderful summer.