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Kitty Cat Wellness

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1 If my cat is an indoor cat, does it really need a vet visit every year? Does my cat need shots? Why does my cat need a fecal exam or flea and heartworm prevention if it is inside pet? We at The Animal Hospital of Dunedin are here to help you answer these questions. Your pets are individuals and every case is unique.



Though the majority of our feline patients are strictly indoor animals, there are still some exposure risks you may not think about. Such as, many families have feline and canine pets. In this instance it is important to have both pets on flea preventative even if the cat is indoors only. The same fleas that can jump on the dog while taking care of business outside, can come inside the house and jump over to the cat. We as owners can even bring fleas into the house on our clothing. Not to mention those cats that enjoy time on a lanai, pool deck, etc. So when we think about the exposure risks, we have to



take those factors into consideration. Therefore flea prevention is recommended for all pets, unless a veterinarian has said it is not in the best medical interest of your pet. For these same reasons heartworm prevention is also recommended for cats. Mosquitoes are the vectors that transmit heartworms and they can get into our porches and houses. A cat's quantitative worm burden with heartworm disease is much less than that of an infected canine; however, we do not have treatment methods to kill adult heartworms in cats like we do in dogs. For infected cats, this disease can be fatal! So prevention is the key. Prevention is easy, safe and relatively inexpensive. Most of the feline heartworm products available also have some de-worming in them for intestinal parasites, infections, which, can be acquired through eating feces, soils, etc. An annual fecal check is recommended for all cats, especially those that do have access to the outdoors, soils, and potted plants.

As cats age there are certain health conditions that

they become a higher risk for developing. The most common conditions are dental disease, hyperthyroidism, kidney failure, diabetes mellitus, and cancer. So even if your pet isn't due for vaccines every year, or if vaccines aren't medically advised at that time, it is still very important to get your cat examined annually. For seniors, pets over the age of seven, I highly advise it twice a year. This way we can keep an eye on your pet's weight/body condition, gum/tartar condition, heart sounds, organ palpation, etc. It is also ideal to do a blood screening annually, even if your pet is doing well. Getting baselines when your pet isn't sick gives us something to compare to if something does arise. Also, sometimes we find early changes that can help us direct preventative care for future health issues. And though many pets tend to be very stoic with dental disease, the bacteria in tartar can cause gingivitis and travel to areas such as heart valves, kidneys, etc. Therefore routine dental exams are advised to screen for when a proper dental cleaning is needed. This can help prolong your pet's overall well-being, not just oral health.



Kitty Cat Continued

CAT DISTEMPER & RABIES



At the Animal Hospital of Dunedin we offer one or three year rabies vaccines. We also follow a schedule of every three year feline distemper vaccination in healthy adults. Studies have shown that some vaccines can offer protection for more than one year, so we don't want to over vaccinate. For cats that have any other close contact or exposure to any outside cats, annual feline leukemia vaccine is advised (FeLV). Exposure risk that can subject your cat to FELV can be grooming, fights, sneezing, etc. If your cat is at risk I advise getting a FeLV test first, and if the test is negative, then getting a proper vaccine protocol initiated. Please visit us today so that we can tailor the best treatment plan for you and your feline family members.

Cat postures & Levels of Trust

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SITTING UP STRAIGHT:

"I DON'T TRUST YOU A BIT"



SITTING LOW:

"OK, I MIGHT HANG OUT HERE FOR A MINUTE"



SITTING WITH LEGS CURLED:

"...OR MAYBE A FEW MINUTES. BUT READY TO LEAVE ANYTIME!"



FRONT LEGS RELAXED:

"IN FACT, I KINDA LIKE IT HERE"



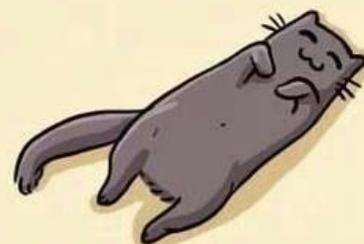
ALL LEGS RELAXED:

"...AND YOU SEEM OK TOO"



VISIBLE BELLY, CRAZY EYES, CURLED SPINE:

"I THINK I EVEN LIKE YOU"
(MAKE A MOVE AND I'M OUT OF HERE)



LYING FLAT ON THE BACK:

"YOU WANT TO BE MY HOOMAN?"

Fun Cat Facts

- ♥ Cats can make over 100 different sounds (dog can only make about 10!)
- ♥ On average, cats spend 2/3 of everyday sleeping. That means a 9-year-old cat is awake for only 3 years of its life!
- ♥ A cat can leap up to 5 times its own height in a single bound!
- ♥ A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than it is to a dog. Both humans and cats have identical regions in their brains that are responsible for emotions.
- ♥ The cat that holds the longest non-fatal fall is named Andy. He fell from a 16 story building and survived.
- ♥ A cat actually has about 12 whiskers on each side of its face.
- ♥ The ability of a cat to find its way home is called "psi-traveling". Experts think that cats either use the angle of the sunlight to find their way or that cats have magnetized cells in their brains that act as compasses!

Scrub-a-Dub-Dub, Kitty in the Tub

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If you have a cat, then you'll know a cat's grooming habits put even the most glamorous Hollywood star to shame. Skip grooming school and learn how to properly groom your cat from us.

Cats spend a good deal of their waking hours grooming themselves. Of course, even with their natural skills, cats can benefit from a little human help every now and then.

Regardless whether you have a fancy cat like a Persian or a regular ol' Shorthair, cats require hair brushing, not only to remove tangles, burs and dander, but to remove that extra hair your cat keeps leaving you in the form of hairballs. To be effective, brushing should be a daily routine for you and your cat. There are plenty of different tools on the market -- brushes, combs, gloves, etc. -- so choose wisely and ask your friends what works best with their cats.

Nail clipping is also important for cats, especially indoor cats. It is best to get your cat used to it while it's young, but it really is never too late to start. If you're new at nail clipping, get advice from your vet on how to do it properly without injuring your cat. And if you just don't feel comfortable clipping your own cat's nails, that's fine. Just get your vet to do it on those regular wellness checks, or have a cat groomer do it for you.

What cat home beauty salon would be complete without a full dental workstation? No, we're not talking about using abrasive teeth whitening pastes to give your cat that brilliant red carpet smile, but a little teeth brushing can go a long way. It removes plaque and tartar buildup, and it is a great way to monitor the cat's dental health. There are quite a variety of toothbrushes made specifically for cats, along with flavored cat toothpaste. Just make sure you don't ever use human toothpaste on your cat.

Some might say cats and water just do not mix. In this case, we've got to disagree -- it's necessary for little kitty to get a wash, even if it's just once in a while. But be ready for a fight, the claws and fangs may even make an appearance. Use cat-specific shampoo and recruit a family member or friend to hold the cat down while you do the washing. Having trouble? Don't fret. This duty can also be left to the expertise of a professional.

Whether you go for the budget grooming at home or splurge on a professional groomer, there is one thing for certain, your cat will look bright and shiny at the end of the process. ☺

Funny Cats Grooming Dogs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ukbZkSqcQY>

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