

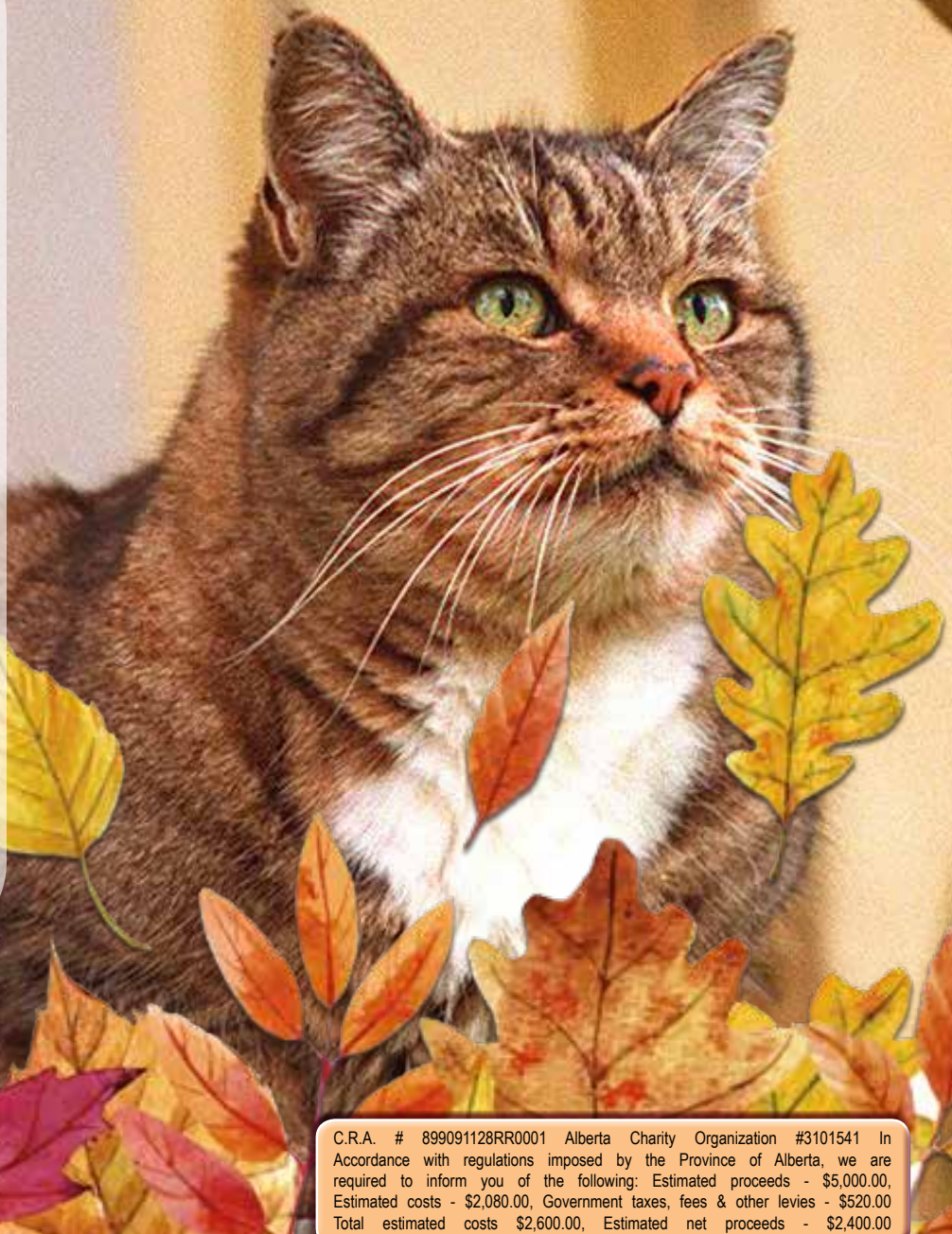
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# Carter's Corner

Sent: July 23,, 2019 10:28 PM

Subject: Carter's Patio Hideaway

Hi Marjorie. How have you and all the cats been with the third flood to swamp Stony Plain, and now this oppressive heat? I hope everything is fine.

So...after 20 years of faithful service, we had to replace our barbecue last week. The new ones come with many more bells and whistles, and we reluctantly got one with the cabinet doors on the bottom. The old one just had a large opening with an elevated bottom, and a great view from three sides for the cats to sit under if it was raining, snowing, etc. and be protected from the weather.

We considered the cats' needs and thought if we left the cover partially pulled up and the cabinet doors open, they would still go in there. Well, it was "nuthin' doin' " and they not only boycotted the new barbecue but I think they were miffed, too.

We then started looking around for something to replace the old hideaway and found an outdoor end-table today that looked like it might work--- and it did! I put a plant on top of it, just so neither of them tried to use it as a springboard to leap over the railing. Looks a bit funny, but they're happy now, and that's what counts.

Best Regards,

Lydia



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## CAT WISH LIST

We are always in need of

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Pinesol
- paper towels
- garbage bags
- bleach
- Tide detergent (no lemon scent)

### CAT FOOD

- Baby food (pref. chicken with broth)
- Friskies canned cat food
- IAMS Dry cat food
- Temptations treats

### CAT SUPPLIES

- Cat litter (clay or tidy cats light weight)
- Training pads
- Swiffer pads

### CAT ENJOYMENT

- Kitty toys
- Scratching posts
- Turbo scratchers
- Cat beds
- Kitty condos

GIFT CARDS for G & E Pharmacy, Canadian Tire, Walmart & Superstore help us buy much needed pet and cleaning supplies.





# Welcome to the Fall Newsletter!

## Welcome to the Fall Mewsletter

Can it really be fall this soon? I'm still wondering if we had a summer this year. For everyone in central Alberta, you'll remember it as cool and very WET. Despite the flooding all around us, thankfully the Foundation was spared, but it made touch-up painting and mowing the grass quite a challenge. And while the kitties were still able to take advantage of the cat runs, watch the squirrels, and chase after bugs and birds, at the first sound of thunder, they wisely scampered for cover.

As usual, we've been kept happily occupied with inquiries about many of our cats and kittens. Currently available for adoption (paw-lease check out the photos of them at the age of 10 weeks) are Harry, Debbie, Doris, Donna and Danna, whose nurturing and loving mom was a stray.



Kitty vaccination day at the end of July (why do they always KNOW?) meant a great deal of energy expended on rounding them all up before the vet arrived. And although Gary thought he'd cleverly escaped to begin his rodent control rounds, he was caught red-pawed and vaccinated along with the others.

As always, I want to thank all of you for your donations. Not only are they greatly appreciated, they are truly our lifeline, allowing us to continue providing for the cats in our care and those entering it. I also want to thank our Board members for their ongoing support and our volunteers for their unwavering compassion and commitment.

I now invite you to enjoy the many articles written for us by Nomi Berger, and encourage you to share what you learn with your fellow feline lovers. Enjoy, as well, the changing leaves and cooling weather of autumn and remember that I'm all ears when it comes to any kitty questions, issues or purr-blems.

*Marjorie Hervey*

# Jealousy in Cats or the “Green- Eyed Monster”



**Article by Nomi Berger**

Do you live in a multi-cat household? If so, you have probably wondered if your feline friends experience jealousy.

Imagine lying peacefully in bed one morning, half-doing, with one of your two kitties curled up beside you. Imagine your second kitty attempting to join in the “cuddle” only to have your first kitty reach up and smack her hard several times on the head. The implied message: you are HERS at the moment, and she has no intention of sharing you.

We as humans would certainly interpret this as jealousy. But do cats get jealous in the same way? According to many animal behaviorists, what WE consider jealousy is known in the feline world as rivalry.

Why? Cats are creatures of habit, of predictability, preferring a stable environment with a minimum of changes and challenges. They lay claim to certain places, spaces and toys in their home, and they lay claim to Y-O-U: to your time, your attention and your affection. Short of splitting yourself in two (or three or more equal parts), the result can be kitty cat rivalry.

In nature, cats are driven to rival one another for such scarce and highly prized resources as food and clean water. Males will run off other males to keep their resources, including their females and shelter, to themselves. Females keep their domain even smaller while they raise their kittens, and intruders in that space are less than welcome. This isn't jealousy; it's a competition for finite resources.

While our indoor cats face no such challenges, their instinct to protect their “resources” is deeply ingrained in them and informs how they ultimately behave. Despite their access to a seemingly endless supply of food, water

and safe, cozy places to sleep, some cats still find sharing them with others impaws-ible.

The easiest way to handle cat-on-cat rivalry in your home is by ensuring there are enough of the essentials to go around, starting with food and fresh water, clean litter boxes and cozy cat beds. If you live in a small apartment with a limited amount of room, add cat trees and shelving to give your kitties more vertical space to roam, along with several snug nooks or cubbies to curl up in.

Since you probably top their essential “resources” list, it's essential that you give each of your cats some quality one-on-one time with you and encourage them to engage in group playtime with one another. Fulfilling their need for attention can be as simple as sitting on the sofa with a cat (or two) on either side of you, petting them, scratching their heads and kissing them – equally!

Whether its name is “jealousy” or “rivalry”, understanding what motivates your cats to behave as they do and what triggers these feelings allows you to hopefully keep them at bay. Avoiding situations that bring out the competitor in them is key to achieving lasting harmony in your multi-cat household – no matter how many possessive pussy cats you have.

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# Clean Cat Teeth 101



## Article by Nomi Berger

Cat guardians may only see them when their favourite felines yawn or throw "hissy" fits, but they're there. Your cat's teeth!

Thirty to be precise, in any cat older than 6 months: four molars, ten pre-molars, four canines and twelve incisors. Unlike a person's teeth with their focus on chewing, a pussycat's teeth focus heavily on grinding and chopping. Needless to say, your cat needs clean, sharp teeth and healthy gums. Damage to the tongue and teeth, palate and gums can pose numerous health risks to them, most of which can be prevented by regular home check-ups, including brushing. (Signs of possible dental problems include excessive pawing at the mouth area, excessive drooling, difficulty chewing food, and pus).

To accustom your cat to having her teeth brushed, begin by gently massaging her gums with your finger or lightly touching them with a cotton swab. After several sessions, dab a small amount of specially cat-formulated toothpaste on her lips to get her used to the taste. Next, use a toothbrush specifically designed for cats or one that can be worn over your finger. Apply the toothpaste to her teeth and brush them gently.

### If you cannot promise forever, I am not your cat!

I am a  
**FOREVER  
CAT**

I am NOT an until you...

- ... "get bored" cat
- ... "find a boy/girlfriend" cat
- ... "think I'm too old" cat
- ... "have to move" cat
- ... "have a baby" cat
- ... "get a new kitten" cat.

Besides brushing, chew toys will satisfy your cat's natural desire to chomp, while also strengthening her teeth. Gnawing on a chew toy will also help floss her teeth, massage her gums, and scrape away soft tartar.

To determine the overall health of your cat's mouth, face your feline, gently push back her lips and study her gums, which should be firm and pink without signs of swelling, while her teeth should be clean, neither loose nor broken, and free of any brownish, hardened tartar.

### Conditions requiring a prompt visit to the vet include:

**Gingivitis:** This inflammation of the gums occurs mainly in older cats, often accompanied by an abnormally strong mouth odor, and may start as a dark red line along the gums bordering the teeth. If left untreated, the gums may become sore and ulceration may occur. This condition may also be a sign of FIV or other infections.

**Periodontitis:** If gingivitis invades the tooth socket, the tooth may become loose and an abscess may form.

**Stomatitis:** This inflammation of the mouth lining can be caused by the presence of a foreign object, a viral disease or dental problems. Your cat will have difficulty eating and the inside of her mouth will appear red.

**Rodent ulcer:** This is a slowly enlarging sore or swelling on the upper lip.

**Salivary cyst:** When salivary glands or ducts carrying saliva to the mouth become blocked, a cyst may form under the tongue.

**Mouth ulcers:** Ulcers on a cat's tongue and gums can be caused by feline respiratory or kidney disease.

If you've been neglecting your cat's dental health up to now, it is never too late to start.

# Itchy Skin – Allergies?

## Don't believe everything you read on the Internet ...

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Skin allergies are not an easy problem to figure out and can be hard to control.

Red, itchy, or hairless skin can be due to allergies.

The main types of Allergies are 1) Food 2) Environmental ... and some patients can have both.

Food allergies are to PROTEIN. Beef, Fish, Chicken, and dairy are the most common in cats.

Grain allergies are rare. There is no benefit to a Grain Free Diet for most cats.

Blood tests are Not accurate in finding out which food proteins a cat is allergic to. There can be false positive and false negative results.

Food trials are the best test. Diet options are 1) Novel Protein – a protein the cat has never had before. Most cats have had Beef, Fish, Chicken, and Pork. Rabbit, Kangaroo, Duck and Venison are often used as novel proteins.

2) Hydrolyzed Protein – a protein molecule (ie: chicken) is made smaller so the body doesn't recognize it as the original protein .... It is a new protein that the body should not react to

The food trial must be done for ~ 8 weeks to see if the diet will resolve the skin problems. Do not expect your cat to be less itchy or have more normal skin right away. It takes a long time (2 months) for the protein causing the allergy to clear the body. Any tiny bit of the protein that the cat is allergic to (one treat or half a nibble of meat) will ruin the benefit of the new diet.

Treatment for food allergies is hypoallergenic diet. Most oral meds do not help very much. Some antibiotics or anti-fungals may be needed from time to time.

Cats CANNOT be Vegetarian. If people do this to their cat it can cause heart and eye damage. It can be life threatening.

Environmental allergies (also known as Atopy or Inhalant Dermatitis) can include multiple grasses, multiple tree pollens, mold, dust, fleas, and the cat's own yeast and bacteria.

Blood tests can indicate which allergens your pet is reacting to BUT the test is not cheap. Unless you are planning to do allergy "shots" (injections ~ 2 times a week to desensitize the immune system) the test may not be helpful. We can't get rid of grass and trees in the neighborhood. The pet does not need to contact the allergen directly. The allergens come into our homes via windows, doors and ventilation systems.

Allergies can affect various parts of the cats' skin. Ears, eyes, feet, belly and back can all be involved.

Treatment for atopy can involve allergy shots, oral meds (prednisolone, cyclosporin, antibiotics, anti-fungals), and topical meds (creams and shampoos that may reduce inflammation and infection).

To confirm a cat has allergies and not some other disease some testing may be needed. Skin scrapings to rule out mites / mange, impression smears to look for yeast infection, ringworm culture / PCR, blood tests to rule out thyroid disease, and biopsies may be needed.

Allergies can be complicated. Some cases need multiple medications. Many patients will "flare" from time to time.

Try to find a veterinarian / clinic you feel comfortable communicating with. You will need to work together to battle the allergic skin disease. Some patients may need the help of a veterinary dermatologist (skin specialist). Ask your vet for a referral if you want an expert's opinion on your cat's skin.

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# Seven Tips to Successful Nail Trims

## Article by Nomi Berger

If you approach grooming your cat's nails with trepidation, hopefully these seven suggestions will help you succeed -- quickly and comfortably.

1. Choose your clippers carefully: There are three tools available to you -- tiny scissors with claw-shaped trimming edges, a clipper with a "guillotine" blade that slides across a small hole through which you insert your cat's claw, and a human fingernail trimmer. Try all three and choose the one that feels most comfortable to you. For best results, always keep the one you select sharp to avoid either crushing your cat's claw or causing her needless pain.
2. Begin slowly: Before your initial attempt at nail trims, begin by accustoming your cat to having her paws handled. Start by petting her, move to stroking her paws, then to gently manipulating her toes as though you were playing "this little piggy went to market". If she enjoys it, gradually work up to putting gentle pressure on her paw pads to expose her claws. (Since cats have retractile claws, you must gently squeeze each of her toes between your thumb and forefinger to expose each claw). While this may be a slow process, patience is key. The preparatory work you do now will make the actual act of trimming her nails much easier.
3. Ask for help: If you're overly concerned, ask someone to demonstrate the proper technique to you, whether it's your vet, a groomer or an experienced cat caretaker familiar with your cat. There are also many online resources at your disposal, including a step-by-step guide from Washington State University School of Veterinary Medicine at [www.vetmed.wsu.edu/outreach/Pet-Health-Topics/categories/procedures/cats/clipping-your-cat's-claws](http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/outreach/Pet-Health-Topics/categories/procedures/cats/clipping-your-cat's-claws)

4. Timing is everything: Select a time when your cat is relaxed. Never attempt to trim her nails just before meals or -- if yours is a multi-cat household -- while other cats are hovering nearby.

5. Relax: If you approach the procedure in a calm manner, your cat will be more inclined to remain calm as well.

6. Reward your cat: Accentuate the paws-itive nature of the experience by rewarding your cat with her favorite treat or a tasty snack, some extra loving or a round of play with her favorite toy. In fact, consider rewarding her after several successfully trimmed nails at first, then taper off as she cooperates more. Never reward her if she runs away or does something you don't like, such as swat at you. Rewarding her simply reinforces this "bad" behavior.

7. One at a time: If your cat starts to squirm after you've trimmed only one or two of her nails, stop immediately. Your goal is to make the procedure agreeable not abhorrent.

If, however, your cat refuses to cooperate in spite of your best efforts, have her nails trimmed by a groomer or by your vet during her regularly scheduled office visits.





# The Adventures of Gary



## Hi Everyone, Gary here.

Although it was a cool and soggy summer here at the sanctuary, it didn't deter the mice one bit! The result was that I had to hunt them in long wet grass and through large puddles of water. Needless to say, my marvelous marmalade coat remained muddy and wet and required endless ministrations by Mommy in the form of towel dryings and paw cleanings to keep me from tracking dirty paw prints through the house. I'm not sure if these humiliating procedures were listed in my contract. I'll have to check and see.

Whenever I'm out on rodent patrol and it's thundering, Mommy comes and finds me and puts me in the house. And I'm lucky that she does because one day when I was out in the pasture, I heard her calling and as I ran toward her it started to hail!

Then there was the day I sensed something afoot ... or a-paw. Mommy began giving us treats, and sure enough, our vet showed up to give us our annual vaccinations. ARGH! Try as I could, I couldn't get away and had to receive mine like everyone else. Mommy says they're especially important for me since I'm an indoor/outdoor cat and come into contact with things too scary to even think about.

Despite my grumbling, I really love what I do, especially when

I'm playing the part of official people greeter. Everyone loves me and I get so much attention and so many pets. Not to mention being around Mommy, who takes such good care of me and all of the other cats.

Well, I guess I should go. It's sunny today -- for a change -- and the ground is drying up, which will make rodent patrol much easier and much more pleasant for me.

See you again in the (brrr) winter.

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN





# A Feline Friendly Thanksgiving

**Article by Nomi Berger**

Thanksgiving is a festive time, filled with feasting, family, and friends. But it's also a time of potential distress for our feline companions. Any changes in a cat's regular routine – a calm home now crammed with new scents, sounds and strangers – can send even the least "fraidy cat" cat scampering for cover.

To reduce your furry friend's stress level (and YOURS), maintain her regular feeding and playing routine with some extra interactive play sessions for good measure. Keep all but the most social cats in a separate room, then ensure that your social "cat-erfly" doesn't dart out into the night when the door opens and your guests arrive. Should the worst happen and she does disappear, make certain that she has either been micro-chipped or is wearing a collar with up-to-date tags for proper identification and a swift return to your waiting arms.

As tantalizing as Thanksgiving food is for people, some can prove painful, even fatal for cats. The most notorious offenders are:

**Chocolate:** All chocolate, especially semi-sweet, dark and baking chocolate contain the toxic, caffeine-like ingredient theobromine. Candy containing the artificial sweetener xylitol, is also dangerous. If you suspect that your cat has eaten something toxic, promptly call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435 or the Pet Poison Hotline at 1-800-213-6680 (fees apply in both instances).

**Turkey stuffing:** It often contains onions and garlic, raisins and spices – all of them toxic to cats. The

sulfoxides and disulfides in onions and garlic destroy the red blood cells and can cause serious blood problems, including anemia. The effects of ingesting raisins and/or spices usually occur within 24 hours and include lack of appetite, lethargy, weakness, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and decreased urination.

**Cooked turkey bones and gristle:** Turkey bones splinter easily and can get caught in your cat's throat or esophagus. They can also cause intestinal blockages or perforations leading to infection, while turkey gristle presents a clear and present choking hazard. To safeguard against these painful possibilities, all leftovers should be carefully wrapped and promptly disposed of.

**Alcohol:** To avoid intoxication and alcohol poisoning, keep all full glasses and half-filled glasses of wine or spirits out of reach of your cat's curious nose and playful paws.

And yet, there's no harm in providing your kitty with her own Thanksgiving feast, one that includes a few small, boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie.



# Cats, Coats and Colours

## Article by Nomi Berger

What's in a name? Everything, especially when distinguishing a cat's colour from a coat's design. From light to dark, betwixt and between, there's a purr-fect fit for every feline on the palette of pussycat colours and patterns.

Coat patterns are combinations of colours in a specific layout and appear in six varieties -- solid, tabby, bicolour, tortoiseshell, tricolour and colourpoint.

**Solid:** The easiest to recognize, it consists of one colour evenly distributed over the cat's entire body. Although as very young kittens, some "solids" may display several hairs of a secondary colour, when they mature, those hairs disappear.

**Tabby:** The most common pattern, it consists of spotted; striped (mackerel); ticked (agouti), and blotched (marbled).

**Bicolour:** This term refers to a white coat with one other colour, whether a solid or a tabby pattern. Harlequin is often used to describe a cat whose coat is predominantly white. Van refers to a cat whose coat is mostly white with patches of colour only on the head and tail. When a bicolour cat is mostly coloured, the patches of white are named to describe their location: locket (chest), mittens (paws) and buttons (belly). A black cat with white paws, chest, and either a solid or patterned face, is aptly named a "Tuxedo".

**Tortoiseshell:** This unique pattern is created by a consistent mix of orange and black or by their softer version of cream and blue, and are seen almost exclusively in females. Tortoiseshell males are rare and, in all probability, sterile. Affectionately dubbed "torties", those cats displaying an underlying tabby pattern are often referred to as "torbies".

**Tricolour or Calico:**  
This colourful pattern

consists of white, black and red (orange) or a diluted version of cream and blue. The ratio between white and colour determines the number and distribution of the two coloured patches. The more white there is, the more clearly the red and black patches are defined, hence the name "calico".

**Colourpoint:** Here, the face, paws and tail (point/tip) are darker than the rest of the body, and being temperature-related, the cooler parts develop a darker colour. The colours of the points include dark brown (seal), red (flame), blue, and lilac, and in breeds where the points form a tricolour or tabby pattern, they're called "lynx".

As for coat colours, fashionable felines sport hues from white, black, red and blue to cream, brown, cinnamon and fawn.

**White:** The only colour that is always solid with no underlying tabby markings, one genetic variety can sometimes cause deafness.

**Black:** While true solid black may be "the ideal", black cats often have underlying tabby markings. When exposed to sunshine, some black coats develop a rusty tinge, whereas in the colourpoint pattern, it's manifested as dark brown, and is referred to as seal-point.

**Red:** This is the professional term for orange or ginger, and because the red gene is sex-linked, red cats are usually males. And because of its strong

connection to the tabby pattern, a true solid red is difficult to achieve. In the colourpoint pattern, red is referred to as flame-point.

**Blue:** A dilute version of black, it is, in fact, a deep bluish-gray, and



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# Dementia in Senior Cats

## Article by Nomi Berger

As with humans, cognitive dysfunction or dementia in cats is more prevalent the older they get. Because of this, protective pet parents must become proactive pet parents to ensure their cherished companions receive the extra care they require.

For senior cats without a specific disease or injury, these are some of the most common behaviors associated with their overall physical and cognitive decline:

**Confusion and disorientation:** Many cats may appear lost or confused in familiar surroundings, including their own home.

**Changes in responsiveness:** Cats may appear to not recognize family members and may respond poorly to formerly familiar commands.

**Vocalizations, restlessness and/or new sensitivities:** Some cats may begin to perform repetitive behaviors or vocalizations such as whimpers or howls, become more restless and/or become more sensitive to loud noises.

**Reduced activity:** Not only will most older cats slow down physically, they may also eat less, groom themselves less, and become less affectionate.

**Changes in the sleep-wake cycle:** Many senior cats experience disruptions in their sleeping pattern.

**Changes in house training:** Many seem to lose their housetraining skills causing them to have frequent accidents outside their litter boxes.

To provide the best possible care for your senior cat, have her thoroughly examined and tested by your vet. The results will reveal whether her new behaviors are due to some other condition or to dementia.

If your cat is indeed suffering from dementia, your vet

may prescribe a psychoactive drug to improve her brain function. One such drug, Anipryl, is most often used to treat dogs with dementia, but the American Association of Feline Practitioners supports its use in cats – with varying degrees of success.

While there's no cure for dementia, you can slow down the signs and keep your cat as content and comfortable as possible by feeding her a healthy diet, increasing her exercise regime, including games to stimulate her brain, and taking her to the vet every six months.

The best diet for cats with dementia is one that's high in antioxidants -- vitamins C and E, beta carotene and essential fatty acids (Omega-3's), to which your vet may suggest adding other vitamins and/or supplements. It's also essential that you keep your cat on a fixed feeding schedule to reduce the chances of her becoming confused.

Do your best to be patient and gentle with her. Try not to get frustrated, remaining as calm and supportive as possible. Since companionship is key, keep her engaged with the other members of your family even if she seems to have forgotten them. To keep her "centered", never rearrange your furniture or make any changes in what, to her, are familiar surroundings. Increase "environmental cues" such as leaving a radio on in rooms she frequents so that she can follow the sound. Remind her of the basic commands she's forgotten by retraining her – from where to potty to where to sleep.

But above all, remember she's the same cat you've always loved and who's always loved you, and that, with all the resources at your disposal, your time together can still be quality time.

## Cats, Coats and Colours

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can be seen in many breeds, including mixed-breed cats.

**Cream:** A dilute version of red, when combined with blue, it creates dilute calicos and tortoiseshells.

**Brown:** A rather rare colour, it's most associated with a breed called the Havana Brown, while in other breeds,

brown variations may be called chocolate.

**Lavender/Lilac:** These are interchangeable names for a shade of pale gray-brown with pink overtones, and in the colourpoint pattern, lilac is referred to as frost-point.

**Cinnamon:** This is a variety of solid light brown with distinct red overtones.

# PET CEMETERIES

By Alison Glass

**Our love of cats has been recorded as far back in history as in the Egyptian Empire some 9,000 years ago, and pictures of cats have even been found in the pyramids.**

Some were so highly revered they were mummified just like kings and other royalty. Because of this long history of togetherness, it comes as no surprise that cats really are part of the family and have a special place in our hearts and lives. No wonder then that saying Good Bye to our forever friend is probably one of the hardest things we have to do in our lives. Therefore it is equally understandable that it is as hard to plan for 'that' day, as it is to plan for the demise our human family members. Frequently we concentrate on human family when we are writing our wills, but we should remember to take that extra minute to mention how our beloved pets should be taken care of when we are gone and should plan ahead for the day we must say, 'Farewell' as well to our beloved companion.

For some people the emotions involved can be quite devastating, so it is good to see that in the past few years there has been an increase in the availability of Pet Cemeteries and support groups to help us deal with our loss. This provides us with many options to choose from. These groups provide all the services you might expect to find provided by funeral homes for humans. They can organize general cremation or cremation with a scatter box or a beautiful urn that your beloved pet can be buried in, some have a cemetery on their property or access to a pet cemetery where you can have a head stone to mark your pet's grave. Some organisations will make a cast of your pet's paw-print; other places are even able to put some of the ashes into a locket that you can wear as a memento.

Will Rogers is quoted as saying "If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." I wonder why he only mentioned dogs as for many this sentiment applies equally well to cats.

As a family historian I frequently add people's names to the Find a Grave website and even more frequently look there for information about family members. I took a look to see what if they had anything to say regarding our feline and canine family members and here is what I found in the F A Qs.

- ① Atim Creek cemetery cremation & burial service, located just west of Edmonton
- ② [www.petcrem.net](http://www.petcrem.net) They have a wide variety of options to choose from.
- ③ [www.partofthefamily.ca/services.cfm](http://www.partofthefamily.ca/services.cfm)
- ④ [www.albertapetcremation.com/contact-us](http://www.albertapetcremation.com/contact-us)
- ⑤ [www.animalmemorial.ca/](http://www.animalmemorial.ca/)
- ⑥ [www.lovingpetsltd.com/about-us](http://www.lovingpetsltd.com/about-us)
- ⑦ Pet Loss Support – [www.pet-loss.net](http://www.pet-loss.net)
- ⑧ Pet Loss Alberta – [www.petlossalberta.com](http://www.petlossalberta.com)
- ⑨ Canadian Centre for Pet Loss Bereavement – [www.petlosssupport.ca](http://www.petlosssupport.ca)
- ⑩ Coping with Pet Loss - [www.helpguide.org/mental/grieving\\_pets.htm](http://www.helpguide.org/mental/grieving_pets.htm)
- ⑪ Alberta Health Services Grief Support Program – [www.albertahealthservices.ca/services.asp?pid=service&rid=1026229](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/services.asp?pid=service&rid=1026229)
- ⑫ Pet therapy society- [www.pettherapysociety.com/](http://www.pettherapysociety.com/)
- ⑬ [www.treasured-friends.co.uk/pet-cemetery.html](http://www.treasured-friends.co.uk/pet-cemetery.html)

*Please note that whilst the writer of this article has no doubt regarding the professional standards of the organisations and internet web sites mentioned above she cannot be deemed to have personally recommended any of the goods or services mentioned in this article or the linked internet web sites.*



## 'Can I add a memorial for my pet?'

Yes, when we say we want to list the burial locations of everyone, we're not kidding. Pets are an important part of many of our lives and their deaths can be a great loss. You may want to use your family's last name as the pet's last name, to make it easier to find the memorial at a later date.

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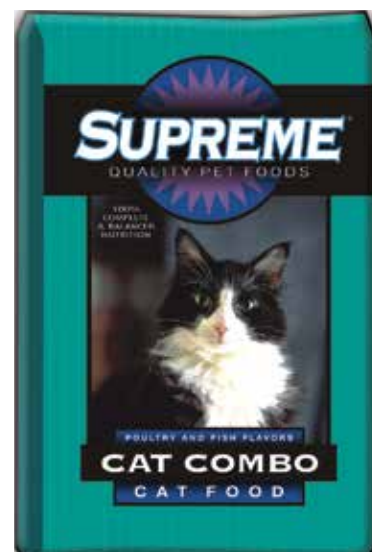
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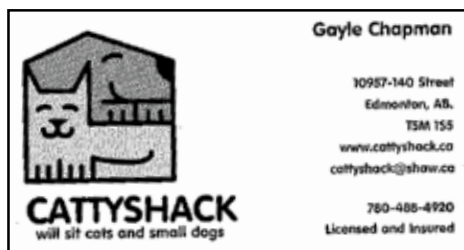
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## NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT/FOUNDER  
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I am an Animal Rescuer

## A RESCUER'S CREED

I shall be a believer of all that is good in man and of all that is deserving in animals.

I shall plead for their lives, campaign for their safety and uphold their right to a natural death.

I shall seek out the injured and the maimed, the unloved, and the abandoned and tend to them in their last days.

I shall not forget their place in the hierarchy of life, nor that we walk in each other's paths.

I shall bear witness to the wonder they bring to our lives and to the beauty they bestow upon our souls.

I shall renew their spirits when they are waning, bind their wounds when they bleed, cradle them when they whimper, and comfort them when they mourn.

I shall be near them in their hour of greatest need a companion and friend when the time has come.

I shall watch over them and console them and ask that the angels gather them in their arms.

From the creatures of the earth I shall learn the fruits of compassion & undying love, and I shall be called the beloved of God.

In their company I shall indeed be blessed.

- by Susan M. Pearson

The Foundation operates a no-kill facility - euthanasia as an option only when the animal cannot enjoy a reasonable quality of life.



## — Our Mission —

To care for cats in dire need and give our less fortunate feline friends a warm, loving and caring environment that allows them to live out their lives. To attempt to find loving homes for cats and kittens that come into our care. To promote responsible pet ownership through public education, early spaying and neutering programs and promoting other care programs.



It takes 450<sup>lbs</sup> of dry cat food, 75 cases of canned food and 800<sup>lbs</sup> of litter EVERY MONTH to take care of the hundreds of stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens that The Hervey Foundation for Cats takes in at their facility each year. Many of these animals find new homes – but many fall into permanent care at our facility.

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The Foundation was founded by Marjorie Hervey in 1998 to provide care and loving homes for the unwanted, un-cared for and abandoned cats that fall into our society. She used her family inheritance and more to start and establish The Foundation. Since that time over 3,000 cats and kittens have come into our care and most have found good, loving homes. The balance stay with us to live a quality life.

The Foundation's prime objective is to offer either a temporary or long-term place of protection for injured, unwanted, homeless and abused cats.

In line with this philosophy is the concept of HOMING - this means that we provide homes for these animals - either a new loving, caring home or permanent home at our facility for the cat to live a Quality Life for the remainder of it's life.

We provide a means of finding suitable loving and caring homes for these cats. In addition, we promote and educate the public on the proper treatment of cats.

Our primary concern is the cats under our care. Great precautions are taken to avoid introducing illness. For example, in the situation involving a typical member of the family our procedures would be as follows: Cats that come into our care are taken to an Accredited Veterinary Clinic where, at the cost of The Foundation, the animal would be examined and Feluk tested, spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, dewormed, vaccinated with the 4 way combination vaccine and Feline Leukemia and Rabies (if old enough). Its ears would be checked for ear mites and treated. The cat is then transported to our facility. It is placed in isolation for observation for 4 to 5 days. If any symptoms develop that needs attention, then the cat is treated. Assuming all is well, the cat is placed up for adoption to find it a good home. The cats in our care are not caged but are free to enjoy an home atmosphere. If it clear that a new acquisition could not be adopted for some reason or another, it is made to feel at home, is given a name, and it becomes assimilated into our family.

The Foundation is unique throughout all of Western Canada. The reason is quite simple. No person has the patience and the devotion that Marjorie has for the cats.

## Our Supporters Are Our Lifeline

Monthly donations are the lifeline of the Foundation. They are essential to help with the ongoing care of the cats and kitties. It goes towards food, litter and vet care. The Foundation is powered by volunteers - there are no paid employees of the foundation, nor do the owners/directors receive remuneration - all funds are used for the care of the animals and the operation of the Sanctuary.

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### Our 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

finding good, loving and caring homes for those cats that are adoptable. Being a private Foundation our screening procedures are strict to ensure that our cats will receive the best care possible.

### Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

We educate people to have compassion and respect for all animals We promote that an animal is a lifetime commitment - we advocate early spaying & neutering as a solution to the overpopulation of animals and recommend Micro-chipping of all animals for identification should they stray.



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