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Carter's Corner

Sent: July 26, 2022

From: Lydia Emanuel

Subject: Hi from Carter

Hello Marjorie. Finally, it feels like summer! I managed to take some outdoor photos of Carter today. It's a little like the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears where he won't go outside if it's too hot, too cold, too windy, too noisy, too wet, etc. but today was 'just right'. He was actually asking to go out in his little harness this afternoon. I took a number of jungle cat pictures of him where I think he was after a bug, and then lying on the grass, plus one inside, where he was lounging on a kitchen chair.

Cheers,
Lydia



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!

Hi Everyone,

While the days of summer may be dwindling and the daylight hours may be growing shorter, we can still rejoice in the changing colours of the leaves – from greens to shades of rust, copper and gold.

Unlike last year's summer with its extreme heat, this summer's weather seesawed up and down between hot and cold, wet and dry, and as usual, presented us with the odd unanticipated challenge. We were obliged to sink a new well to replace our old and damaged one, but thankfully, all's "well" again and our briefly disrupted routine quickly returned to normal.

All of the kitties have been thriving, delightedly dividing their days between playing in the runs and napping in the sun, chasing bugs and frisking and frolicing about with one another. To say this warms my heart and makes me happier than happy is an understatement indeed. Sadly, though, we've taken in several cats whose owners have died and have had nowhere else to go as well as some whose owners have entered extended care living facilities. Fortunately, we have both room

and compassion to spare, and the newcomers have settled in, become part of our feline family, and are thoroughly enjoying themselves -- especially the time that they spend in the runs.

Because the first snowflakes will be falling before we know it, please remember to keep a watchful eye out for strays in your area. Many of them, particularly feral cats, will require protection from the cold, including food and water, the appropriate bowls, and even heated beds available at all pet stores. For those who appear abandoned or lost, please try, if possible, to bring them to your nearest rescue.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to thank YOU for your generous donations that help us further our mission. I would also like to thank G & E Pharmacy and the various pet food companies for their contributions to the Foundation.

Now, I invite you to lean back in a comfortable chair with a cup of herbal tea or a mug of spiced fruit cider and lose yourself in the autumn articles Nomi has written for us, along with several other exciting features. Remember that I'm "all ears" when it comes to any kitty questions or purr-blems you might have, but because I don't answer questions on Facebook, please e-mail or phone me.

Marjorie Hervey



Resource Guarding in Multi-Cat Homes

Article by Nomi Berger

Does the sound of hissing and the sight of swatting occur all too frequently in YOUR home? If so, you're not alone. More multi-cat households than you can shake a paw at experience this phenomenon as well. The term for such unwelcome behavior is resource guarding, and, not surprisingly, much of it is grounded in kitty cat insecurity.

Cats who once spent an extended period of time either on the streets or in shelters before being rescued -- particularly those deprived of food in the past -- are most likely to resource guard in their adoptive homes. Why? Because, in spite of all of the food available to them, they still perceive that there's little or none.

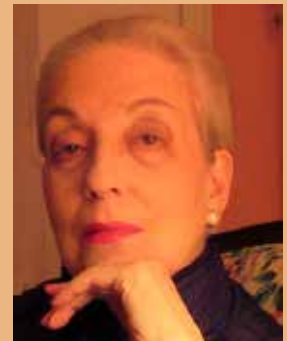
Sometimes a resident cat will resource guard when a new cat enters her established household. Or vice-versa. A new cat may exhibit the same tendency if she's either been abandoned or deprived of adequate food and water in the past. Others may resource guard when they feel stressed by such changes in their homes as new people entering the picture (roommates or spouses) or by familiar people exiting the picture (children leaving for college or divorces).

What then, is included in the list of "items" stressed kitties guard so fiercely? Food and water bowls, toys, games and cat tunnels, litter boxes, cat scratchers and scratching posts, cat trees and napping spots, and purr-ticularly people. And the ways they display their displeasure include hissing to warn the other cat(s) to stay away, swatting at the other cat(s) and sometimes their guardians to stay away, literally blocking the other cat or cats' access to anything they consider theirs, scratching various items as a way of "claiming" them, and

spraying or urinating on some items and even people.

Should you notice your kitty guarding her resources from a new feline addition to "her" family, stop it early to both prevent her behaviour from escalating and to ensure there's harmony between all parties in your household. Consider, then, these suggestions. Put down a food bowl for each cat before mealtimes. Remove the lids from all of the litter boxes to prevent one cat from trapping the other inside them. Set up several litter box areas to give the bullied cat other options if your cat is guarding one area. Spend equal quality one-on-one time with each cat and engage them in stimulating playtime activities together. Supply them with enough toys, games and scratching posts, cat trees, cubbyholes and cat beds so that each cat can lay claim to her own. Experiment with several natural flower essences known to reduce stress and encourage calm. Shower your cats with effusive praise and reward them with high value treats whenever they're together without either bullying or guarding. And, as a last resort, discuss the matter with your vet to see if your cats' anxieties can be reduced by medication.

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Senior Cats and Senior Citizens

by Nomi Berger

Familiar with the axiom: "There may be snow on the roof top, but there is fire in the furnace"?

Now, imagine it this way: "There may be snow on the fur/hair, but there is fire in the soul."

Not to mention a springy step, a feisty spirit and a loving heart. Describing both a senior cat and a senior citizen, when these two are placed paw in hand, more often than not, they form the perfect forever pair.

While understandably attracted to the "idea" of a kitten, the "reality" of one --brimming with energy, climbing everything

in sight and scampering underfoot -- may paint a rather exhausting pussycat picture for the average senior.

The solution to this purr-plexing problem is as clear as the whiskers on a fine feline's face: match a senior cat with a senior citizen.

There are many benefits to adopting an older cat, a true "adult" in every sense of the word. One who has long been comfortable inside her own "skin". One who is likely to relish sitting on a warm lap or atop a cat tree to watch the birds fly past the window. One whose appetite is no longer ravenous but reasonable. One for whom litter box training is not a learning

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experience, but a lifetime habit. One who will take the occasional absences of an active senior companion during the day with good grace and a genial "welcome home" meow.

For less active seniors or those in assisted living facilities that allow pets, felines make fabulous roommates. Unlike their canine counterparts, they don't require a daily regime of being walked and exercised outdoors -- whether it's hot or cold, raining or snowing. Whatever the weather, cats will remain contentedly indoors, provided their food dish, water bowl and litter box are near by. Playing cat-specific videos whose themes range from birds and butterflies to squirrels and mice will keep them endlessly entertained whether their humans are with them or not. Entranced and stimulated by the movements and sounds, they can happily view the same tape over and over.

Some cats adapt easily to a harness and leash, enabling their humans to take them for walks in the hallways of their seniors' residence, outside in the garden, into the common areas, and on visits to those without pets of their own. For more finicky felines, there are specially designed, enclosed strollers, allowing them to ride safely and stylishly both indoors and out.

As beneficial as senior cats are for senior citizens, senior citizens are equally as beneficial for senior cats. More difficult to adopt than younger cats and kittens, but just as deserving of permanent homes, they're all too often overlooked at shelters, humane societies and rescue groups -- and for all the wrong reasons. Senior cats seem to sense when they receive a second chance at the rest of their lives. And any senior citizen savvy enough to adopt one, will not only reap the rewards, but will be the lucky recipient of a love as endearing as it is enduring.

The Benefits of Elevated Cat Bowls

by Nomi Berger

While not the norm for most healthy cats, in special circumstances, your vet may recommend the use of an elevated cat bowl for YOUR kitty.

Which felines, you may wonder, fit into this purr-ticular category?

Cats with megaesophagus: A medical condition in which the esophagus doesn't function properly, inappropriate muscle contractions in your cat's esophagus affects her ability to move food smoothly and efficiently from her mouth to her stomach. This will cause her to regurgitate whatever undigested food remains shortly after she's eaten. An elevated cat bowl will allow gravity to move the food she's eating downward from her mouth and directly into her stomach. Now her esophagus no longer has to move that same food upward towards her stomach as it must when she's hunched over her food bowl on the floor.

Cats with other eating and/or swallowing problems: If your kitty, for example, is suffering from a neurological disorder, severe dental disease or an acute upper respiratory infection that makes swallowing difficult, the use of an elevated food bowl will, again, overcome gravity, making it easier for her to take food into her mouth and then swallow it properly.

Cats with mobility issues: If your cat -- particularly a senior cat -- suffers from severe neck, back or joint pain in her front and/or hind legs, for example, bending down to eat from a bowl on the floor may be as cumbersome as it is challenging. Experiment, through a process of trial and error, with bowls of different heights to determine which one is most comfortable and most likely to ease at least some of her extreme

discomfort.

Whatever your kitty's issue, take into consideration both the height of the bowl and the diameter of the bowl (choose either a rounded or a slanted interior). Pay special attention to the material of the bowl. Generally, stainless steel, ceramic or glass bowls are best because they're easier to sanitize -- which is essential. Avoid plastic bowls since they're prone to developing tiny surface scratches with use and over time, making them next to impossible to thoroughly disinfect.

Elevated bowls are available as individual bowls or as a combined stand that holds both a food bowl and a water bowl. Once again, experimentation is key. While some cats do well using a stand with paired food and water bowls, others, mainly messy eaters, don't -- and shouldn't use them. Why? A pair of bowls, side by side, may lead to the water in their water bowl being contaminated with food particles from their food bowl far more often.

For safety's sake, clean your cat's food and water bowls once a day -- or after each meal if you're feeding her wet canned food -- to reduce the risk of bacteria contaminating them and thereby potentially posing a health risk to you both. While they can simply be handwashed in hot, soapy water, most bowls are dishwasher-safe and can, instead, be washed even more thoroughly and safely, in your dishwasher.

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Preparing for Emergencies

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Emergency situations can happen at any time. Sometimes they are a result of an accident or sudden illness with your cat and other times they are an environmental emergency like a fire, flood or storm where you may need to evacuate. Being prepared can make the difference when seconds count. Hopefully your cat will never have cause for emergency medical treatment, but it is important for all cat owners to be prepared 'just in case'. Here are some ways you can be prepared for potential emergency situations;



Know what is normal for your pet and monitor your pets' health on a regular basis to check for and identify any deviations from the norm. (Pay extra attention to breathing, appetite and activity levels).



Keep your Veterinarian's phone number and the number and address of the emergency clinic in your area in a location that all family members can access easily.



Assemble a first aid kit suitable for home and travel.



Learn how to handle and transport sick or injured cats. If your cat is in pain, it may bite or scratch. A large towel, garden or work gloves, and carriers should be ready at all times. Have carriers assembled and enough carriers for each cat in case of an emergency evacuation.



Learn basic facts about conditions that might affect your cat. For example, if you have a pregnant cat expecting a litter at home, learn about normal birth versus difficult birth. Others to learn are poisonous plants, signs of heat stroke, what does asthmatic breathing look like, etc.



DO NOT administer any home remedies without first checking with your Veterinarian. Some common over-the-counter drugs such as Ibuprofen (Advil) and Acetaminophen (Tylenol) are toxic to cats.



If your cat has a medical condition, have copies of recent tests (bloodwork, etc.) with you.
Don't Panic!

Recently there has been a shortage of emergency care in the Edmonton area. A new emergency clinic has opened recently and may begin to lessen the pressure but it is critical you call the emergency clinic you intend on attending to ensure they have the capacity to see patients at that time. Sometimes there is only capacity to see the most dire of emergencies, causing serious patients to have to wait. If the pet risks death within 1-2 hours, it is likely they will still see your pet. These would include: choking, seizures lasting more than 10 minutes, heatstroke, or profound or arterial bleeding. This may leave other very urgent cases like limping, severe pain, inability to urinate, eye emergencies, or intense vomiting having to wait until morning. This is a horrible situation that will hopefully be remedied soon



Head Pressing in Cats

by Nomi Berger

Head pressing is the compulsive act of a cat repeatedly and relentlessly pressing her head against a wall or any other hard surface for no apparent reason. Different from head butting -- when a cat rubs or bumps her head, particularly against a person, as a sign of affection -- head pressing is usually a sign of damage to her nervous system.

Should you notice your kitty engaging in head pressing, it's essential to pay a prompt visit to your vet. Provide your vet with a comprehensive history of your cat's overall health, noting when the head pressing began and what incidents may have preceded it. Describe any symptoms that accompany her head pressing, including abnormal vocalization, compulsive pacing and circling, changes in learned behavior, seizures, damaged reflexes, disorientation and visual impairment. Some of these symptoms may have already manifested themselves physically -- from sores on her feet due to compulsive pacing to injuries on her face or head caused by pressing her head against a hard surface for an extended period of time.

After first examining her thoroughly, your vet will then focus on uncovering the underlying cause of her behavior by performing a fundic examination of each retina (the layer of the eye that receives and processes images) and the other structures at the back of each eye. This may reveal irregularities in her brain, some infectious disease or an inflammatory disease. Your vet will also have blood work and a urinalysis done, which could reveal a problem with her metabolic system or indicate the presence of toxins in her system. Other tests may include taking her blood pressure to determine if she has high blood pressure and ordering a CT scan and/or MRI scan of her brain.

Armed with the results of these various tests, your vet should be able to pinpoint the reason behind your cat's head pressing. Some of the most common are a brain tumor, prosencephalon disease (damage to the forebrain and thalamus), encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), liver shunts, disorders of the metabolism, toxic poisoning, an infection (rabies and viruses, fungal

and parasitic infections) and acute head trauma, possibly resulting from a car accident.

The treatment prescribed will depend on the condition causing the head pressing in the first place. Example: serious issues such as brain tumors or encephalitis may require surgery and hospitalization. Example: if your cat has a metabolic disorder, she may be treated with medications on an outpatient basis.

But whatever the treatment, your vet will recommend follow-up neurological examinations to monitor the progress of the condition. If, however, no diagnosis can be made, your cat may continue her head pressing. Be certain, though, to alert your vet as to any new behaviors or symptoms that may appear.

While head pressing is serious, the potential for a full recovery, depending on the underlying cause, is possible for many cats. But sadly, for others, the condition can be fatal.

Look for this on our blog



8 Tips for Taking Your Cat on a Long Car Trip

It's summertime, and some of us may be preparing to spend some time at the cabin or a summer home. If you are gone for



The Adventures of Gary



Hi Everyone, Gary here.

I'm meowing because I'm going to miss summer! Mommy took me on many strolls around the yard in my stroller, and as much as I enjoy it, I think she enjoys it more.

Luckily, the weather afforded me paw-lenty of chances to carry out my duties as CEO of rodent control – except for those rainy days which, literally, put a damper on things. Then, of course, on the hottest days, Mommy drew the shades, turned on the fans and kept the water bowls filled to ensure that all of us were safe, cool and comfortable. But then something happened. To make a long story short – from my vantage point at the patio door – I saw large trucks with huge containers of water come and go, construction crews of various kinds come and go, until presto, within a week, we had a new well installed. So I guess you could say, "All's well that ends well."

No sooner had life returned to normal than I resumed my regular duties and spent as much time as I could with my many woodland friends. The deer and their fawns have been grazing calmly and contentedly nearby, and of course, the family of skunks has come round. How can I tell? Because I can smell them ... and as cute as they are, with their black coats and white stripes, we know to stay far, far away.

Now I'm watching the squirrels make their preparations for winter as, day after day, they pick

up all of the cones that have fallen to the ground, scamper up their trees and deposit them in their cleverly concealed nests. But with the weather still mild, we should be able to visit – at least from a distance -- for quite a few more weeks before the colder temperatures force me back inside.

Speaking of inside, I think I'll take a nap in my bed on the deck while I still can. And so, until the snowflakes fall ...

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P.S. To follow the fun antics of Gary and his friend Morris and to read other articles of interest, please visit

<https://herveycats.com/blog>.

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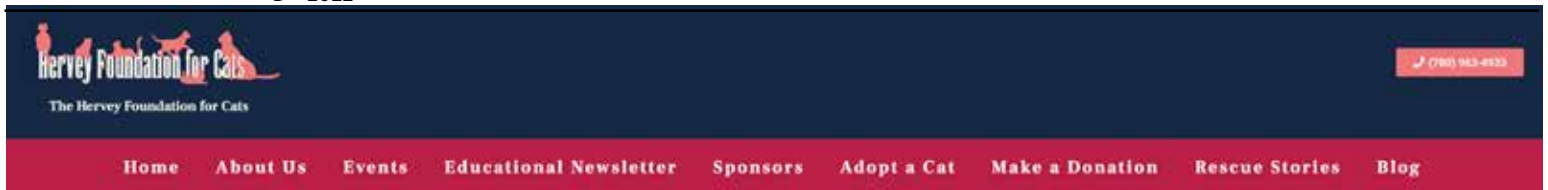
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I am a
**FOREVER
CAT**

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.



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Tips for Finding a Lost Cat

Cats are curious creatures, and their nature drives them to explore new places. Watching humans use the exterior doors of a house can drive that curiosity into overload and compel them to run past your feet, jump out an open window, or claw through a screen.

If your cat isn't used to being outside, their sudden disappearance may have you stressed out, but there is some good news. Cats are creatures of habit and they are also very intelligent. They remember sounds and places very well and there are some easy ways to bring them back home after a great escape has taken place!

Make sure it's not hiding

Cats love to find new places even inside your own home. Before you assume they are missing, make

sure you check around your home well. Be thorough. Sometimes cats will jump behind a pile of storage bins to find a new hiding place, climb under a blanket, or hang out behind a couch. Make sure you've exhausted all your options in the home before you confirm they are outside.

Shake treats

Cats love treats and will often automatically run over to you when you shake a bag of treats in their vicinity. If your cat is outside, walking around the neighbourhood with treats is a good way to bring them back home!

Open cat food tins

Similarly, to the shaking of a treats bag, opening a tin of cat food is another trigger noise for cats. Their brains instantly believe it is supper time and, in your case, hopefully, they come running home.

Put water and food in a box near your house

If your search isn't panning out, that's okay! Cats have incredible homing instincts and sometimes putting a box out front of your home with a bit of food and water can be just what they needed. With the ability to smell food from great distances, your cat may smell the meal and make its way over to it.

Check nearby trees

Cats are great climbers, but they can easily get in over their heads. If your cat is missing, make sure you look

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around the trees in the surrounding area to ensure they haven't climbed halfway up and are now sitting on a branch or hanging onto the bark – like Garfield on a screen door.

Go door-to-door and check yards

Cats like to roam, but not often do they roam outside of their established territory – which is normally within a block of their own home. They are smart animals and don't like to venture out too far given the chance of not seeing food or water for a long time. Make your way door-to-door and kindly ask your neighbours if you can look in their backyard for your kitty.

Call shelters, vet clinics, and animal control

These are all places a lost cat can end up in if someone comes across them and are worried they are missing. Give the corresponding places in your city a call and find out if any animals have been brought in and if yours is one of them.

Post online

There are numerous groups on social media where residents band together to keep an eye out for missing pets. Check out Facebook and Twitter for groups where you can join to help out too! You never know if your animal will go missing and one day the group will help you find them.

Make flyers

An old school method, but one that has proven to work,

is flyers. Print up a bunch of flyers with pictures of your cat and your phone number and/or email address. This helps as people outside will see the pictures and already be in a position to keep an eye out for you.

Set humane traps

There are such things as humane traps. Structures you can set up with food to lure your cat back home. Not all traps are made the same and you need to be ABSOLUTELY sure the one you purchase is humane. If you love your cat, you don't want to hurt them or traumatize them.

Search outside after dark

If your cat gets overwhelmed by the outside world, it may take shelter in a place until it feels safe enough to come out. This might be nighttime – when the world is asleep and there are fewer cars on the road. When things get dark, grab your treat bag and walk around the block giving it a shake.

Stay positive

What is important here is to remember your cat is a cat... and not a human. Unlike a human child, cats will not run in one direction until they don't recognize anything anymore. Cats are careful, they take note of their surroundings with great detail and will often leave a scent trail marking their path back home. If you don't find your cat immediately, they may just show up in the morning rubbing their face on the front door.

Is Kissing Safe?

By Nomi Berger

While most cat owners admit to kissing their cats, some wonder whether or not this passionate practice is, in fact, purr-fectly safe.

In the opinion of many vets and animal behaviorists, if your immune system is healthy and kitty is disease and parasite free, then the occasional pussycat peck shouldn't harm you (there is, however, always a slight risk). That said, it's never wise to either kiss a sick cat or kiss a healthy one on the mouth.

Various diseases can be transmitted from felines to humans, and both can become infected by such common bacteria as Pasteurella, staphylococcus, E. coli, and salmonella -- all of them highly contagious. Ringworm, a common fungal infection, can also spread easily from cats to cat owners and vice versa through direct contact. While not serious, it's very frustrating to treat, and it can also be passed on to other people and pets.

Some research suggests that, like people, cats' mouths contain certain bacteria that cause gum disease. Not only can gum disease lead to tooth loss, but it can negatively impact many of their internal organs.

A brief buss or a series of swift smooches on the top of your puss's HEAD is the safest option, is just as enjoyable – both for you and your best furry friend -- and carries less risk for the transmission of disease. Fortuitously, felines have scent glands in their cheeks and lips which secrete "feel good" pheromones when they rub up against an object, be it a couch or a counter, the leg of a chair or the leg of a person. And so, KITTY'S version of a kiss -- rubbing her head and face back and forth against YOU -- is her way of transferring her scent markers to your skin, thereby claiming you as "hers."

Always exercise caution when putting your face close to an unfamiliar cat or one who is clearly agitated. The most prudent pet parents will plant kisses only on their own cats, only on their heads, and only when they're calm and relaxed. They will also ensure that their pets are treated regularly for parasites such as worms and fleas, and are kept up to date on their vaccinations.

One final word of caution: those with lowered immune systems, primary or secondary immunodeficiency disorders, pregnant women, and very young children should never kiss cats.

Vertigo in Cats

by Nomi Berger

Feline vertigo or feline vestibular disease refers to a sudden, non-progressive disturbance of balance. Capable of affecting cats of all ages, those afflicted with it will become disoriented and nauseous, develop a head tilt (they often lean or fall in the direction of their head tilt), have irregular, jerking eye movements called nystagmus, and even vomit.

What, then, is the vestibular system? It's the system responsible for maintaining a cat's normal balance with central components located in the brain and peripheral components located in the inner and middle ear.

The possible causes of feline vertigo include middle or inner ear infections, trauma or injury, drugs toxic to the ear, hypothyroidism and tumors, particularly in older cats. When no specific cause for a cat's condition can be determined, it's referred to as feline idiopathic vestibular disease. Why? Because the sudden onset of the above-mentioned signs show a subsequent and rapid improvement with little, if any, medical intervention.

There are no specific tests for feline vestibular disease itself. Most cases are diagnosed based on your particular cat's medical history, clinical signs and a thorough physical examination by your vet as well as on the results of some or all of the following: blood tests, urine tests (these check for urinary tract infections and kidney function), ear cultures and cytology (examination of any discharge or fluids found in the ear canal), spinal fluid analysis, testing for kidney, liver and pancreatic function, thyroid testing to determine hormone production, and electrolyte tests to check for dehydration or an electrolyte imbalance.

In some cases, testing may also include blood pressure measurements and head x-rays to assess the appearance of the middle and inner ears while, occasionally, a CT scan or MRI will be performed to look for tumors or other abnormalities.

Any subsequent course of action will ultimately depend on your cat's symptoms and on whether a cause for her condition has been established. If a cause has indeed been determined, then the underlying condition will be treated rather than the vestibular disease itself.

In the case of middle or inner ear infections, however,

your vet may prescribe antibiotics or anti-fungal medications as well as a medication to reduce her motion sickness, nausea and vomiting. Since idiopathic vestibular disease is a short-term, self-resolving condition, its symptoms are typically worse in the first 24 to 48 hours and improve steadily over the next two to three weeks

But, as a conscientious pet parent, you can help your kitty feel better while her symptoms are at their worst by following these suggestions:

Manage your own stress because cats are extremely sensitive to our emotions.

Keep her confined in a quiet, safe space far from any stairs.

Support her by surrounding her with a thick, rolled up blanket.

Ensure that her food and water bowls and litter box are at ground level and nearby.

Make certain that she remains hydrated and fed if she can't do so herself.

If she's unable to stand at all, assist her in changing positions periodically to prevent any sores from developing on her body.

Avoid the temptation to carry her since she has to walk in order to re-train her "navigational" system.

Whereas the majority of cats make a complete recovery, some severely affected ones may be left with a head tilt. The good news is that in most cases of feline idiopathic vestibular disease, the condition will never reappear.



Koffie: 2006 to 2022



15 years ago, unexpectedly, a beautiful bundle of fur came into my life. Lovely and so very unique looking, she reminded me of the varied swirl color and the look of a coffee cake and I knew then what her name would be. I thought that using the Dutch spelling "Koffie" would show a sign of her uniqueness and also be a bit of a way to honor and remember my dad who had passed away just over a year prior; even though dad was never a fan of cats. Seemingly skinny (surprisingly) with such big, pointed ears, gentle and cuddly, little did I know that something was growing inside of her; in fact there were several little "somethings".

What was supposed to be a simple health-check visit to the vet, turned into a surprise revelation. Then, a few weeks later, very early, the morning of September 12, 2007 I decided to finally get some sleep after watching her give

birth to six babies. She then surprised me once again when I woke up later and found her caring for not just six, but nine little kittens.

We always called her "mama" and demanded that her children respect her even though once she weaned her babies, she no longer wanted anything to do with them. She added so much to my life especially with the three kittens I kept and the other three that also remained close in my life. I know she would have preferred to be alone, but I appreciate that she tolerated living in the same household as some of her children and up until 2016 also with our CC girl.

Koffie, you always lived life on your own terms, independent. You loved to be picked up, carried around and cuddled, but only if you requested it. I will so miss your sweet questioning face as you climbed my leg asking to be picked up. I will so miss your quirkiness of sitting with me but not liking to be moved around or over-petted. If this happened, she would need to leave, only to come back a few minutes later so she could settle back again into a position of her own choosing.

Playing with cat toys was never her thing, but drop anything else small (pens, bottle caps, chocolate berries, etc) on the floor – and suddenly she had the best toy possible. We always referred to her as being "too sophisticated" for actual cat toys. Don't let her catch you watching her play though, as she would then stop playing and look at you with a "I wasn't doing anything..." stare as if it was something she was also too sophisticated to be doing.

Koffie, you once again surprised us with your seemingly sudden illness and extremely rapid decline. I really thought and hoped you would decide to leave us on your own terms and in your own way. It was so hard to watch you become a shell of the girl you once were, so we felt you needed help to cross the rainbow bridge. I hope you know how very much you were loved and how very much we will miss you. I hope that you are relaxing up in kitty heaven and quietly watching the birds without any other felines bothering you. Until we meet again may you rest in peace my sweet Koffie girl.

David Van Neck

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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^{lbs} of dry cat food, 75 cases of canned food and 800^{lbs} 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'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**

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