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Carter's Corner

Sent: April 02, 2020 11:24 PM

To: Hervey Foundation for Cats

Subject: Hi from Carter

Hi Marjorie. I have been wondering if you are both well since we last saw you in Stony Plain. So far we are doing OK but it's increasingly scary, and they say the worst may hit us in a couple of weeks' time. We are hunkered down, and feel lucky we have our wonderful pets to keep us company. I think they sense the change in the routine and the more serious mood but seem happy we are around so much. I thought this picture might bring a smile to your face...

Keep well, stay safe, **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 Summer Newsletter!

Welcome to the Summer Mewsletter!

Pull up a chair, relax and enjoy the many wonderful articles awaiting you.

What a difference three months can make! In that time, the whole world has changed, and many of those changes will, in all likelihood, be permanent. This viral pandemic caught us off guard and brought us up short, placing restrictions on everything we took for granted in our daily lives. But, slowly, step by cautious step, most of those restrictions have eased, and while the world we've returned to may feel, at times, surreal, we as humans, are nothing if not resilient.

And hopefully, this bitter experience has revealed the "better angels" in us all – making us kinder in our social interactions, knowing how invaluable they are, making us more considerate of others, knowing that no one should ever be a stranger.

Sadly, the virus meant the cancellation of our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. But this fabulous fundraiser has already been booked for April 24, 2021 -- same time, same place. And we plan to make it more exciting and exceptional than ever before!

Our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who made donations to The Foundation during this difficult time. There aren't enough words to express how much it means to me, personally, to know that, despite your own financial challenges, you thought of

us and of our ongoing mission to save kittens and cats in dire straits.

Since we've always operated on an appointment-only basis, we were fortunate that not much changed over the months. And living in the country has its advantages. The cat supplies have been delivered to us, we've been able to go for walks on our own property without bumping into anyone, and we've been able to see and wave to our neighbours from afar.

Thankfully, the cats are thriving, reveling in the return of warm weather as they scamper here, there and everywhere, chasing each other, chasing bugs, and, well, simply being cats! What a joy it is to watch them. Their antics put smiles on our faces and all seems right with the world once more.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the Morinville Vet Clinic for always being there for us – particularly throughout the pandemic -- and to G & E Pharmacy for ensuring that our food, litter and other supplies were delivered to us without interruption.

Here's wishing all of you a happy and healthy, safe and increasingly satisfying and social summer, and to remind you that I'm all ears when it comes to any kitty questions, issues or purr-blems.

Marjorie Hervey

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Hypertension in Cats

Article by Nomi Berger

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, occurs when a cat's arterial blood pressure is continually higher than normal. When caused by another disease, it's known as secondary hypertension, while primary hypertension refers to the disease itself, and it has the potential to affect many parts of a cat's body including her eyes, heart, kidneys and nervous system.

The following are some of the more common symptoms of hypertension: dilated pupils; involuntary rolling of the eyeballs; hemorrhage of the eye; retinal detachment; blindness; bleeding from the nose; circling; disorientation; seizures; a palpable thyroid gland (when she's hyperthyroid); heart murmurs; blood in the urine; protein in the urine; swollen or shrunken kidneys, and weakness -- on one side of the body or in the legs.



While the precise cause of primary hypertension isn't known, it may have a genetic component. And although studies have varied, one recent study in cats aged from 4 to 20 years old found that 65 percent of those with chronic renal failure and 87 percent of those with hyperthyroidism suffered from mild high blood pressure. On the other hand, secondary hypertension, which accounts for 80 percent of all hypertension cases, may be due to a variety of factors including hormonal fluctuation, hyperthyroidism, renal disease, and quite possibly, diabetes.

How, then, is hypertension diagnosed in a cat? The equipment your vet will use is similar to that used in people,

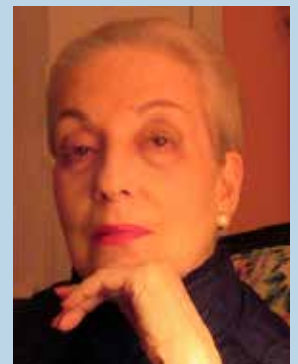
with an inflatable cuff placed around one of your cat's legs or tail. Measuring her blood pressure takes only a few minutes, is pain-free and is extremely well tolerated by most cats.

The standards for a cat's blood pressure are:
150/95 – at this reading or below, there is minimal risk to her and treatment isn't usually recommended.
150/99 to 159/95 – once again, intervention isn't routinely recommended at these readings.
160/119 to 179/100 -- treatment IS recommended in order to limit the risk of any damage to her organs.
180/120 – PROMPT treatment is recommended to limit the degree of other more severe complications.

Should your cat be diagnosed with hypertension, managing her care has two aims: First, to reduce her blood pressure by using anti-hypertensive drugs -- either a calcium channel blocker or a beta-blocker. As for her diet, your vet will, in all likelihood, recommend she be given foods that are low in sodium. Secondly, to search for an underlying disease that has caused her hypertension by collecting and testing samples of her blood and urine. In some cases, treating the underlying disease may also resolve her high blood pressure.

In cats with primary hypertension, it's usually possible to manage the condition and prevent future complications such as damage to her eyes. In cats with secondary hypertension, the long-term outlook depends on the nature and severity of the disease that caused her high blood pressure in the first place. But whether primary or secondary hypertension, it's vital to have your vet monitor your cat on a regular basis.

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Cats and Whiskers

by **Nomi Berger**

Why do cats have whiskers? For more reasons than they can count on one paw. Consider then, these seven scintillating snippets about a kitty's wondrous whiskers.

1. They are especially sensitive: Since a cat's whiskers are rooted more deeply in the skin than ordinary fur, the area around them has a very generous supply of blood and nerves. This makes the whiskers' tips so sensitive that they can detect the slightest change in the direction of a breeze. On the downside, such hypersensitivity can actually cause your cat pain if you "toy" with them in any way. And because eating from a narrow bowl that presses on her whiskers can also be painful, try putting her food on a plate instead or buy her a wide, flat feeding bowl.
2. They aren't only on her nose: Besides the eight to 12 whiskers your cat has on either side of her nose, she has shorter whiskers above her eyes, on her chin and on the backs of her lower front legs.
3. They help her figure out where she'll fit: Because your cat's whiskers are usually about as long as she is wide, they assist her in determining the width of various openings and whether or not she can safely and successfully slide her body through them.
4. They assist her in effectively hunting prey: Cats are farsighted (they don't see well up close). This means that when they catch their prey, whether that prey is a live mouse or a favorite feather toy, they need a way to sense their prey is in the proper position for the "fatal" bite. Most crucial for this purpose are the whiskers on the backs of her forelegs and to a lesser degree, those on her chin and the sides of her nose.
5. They serve as an emotional barometer: The position of your cat's whiskers can be an indicator of her mood. If her whiskers are relaxed and sticking out sideways, it means that she's calm. If they're pushed forward, it means that she's alert and excited. If they're flattened against her cheeks, it means that she's angry or scared. But to confirm the message her whiskers are sending, examine the position of her ears and tail as well.
6. They should never be cut: While your cat sheds a few whiskers from time to time, you should never, ever trim them. She'll become disoriented, dizzy and confused because she's no longer receiving the vital navigational signals she needs. Imagine if you were suddenly blindfolded and unable to remove the blindfold for WEEKS! This is precisely how your kitty will feel if you cut her all-important whiskers.
7. They can change color: Don't be surprised or alarmed if you discover a white whisker growing in your kitty's otherwise solid black fur as she gets older. Like most people, cats will begin going gray with age, but it's more noticeable in cats whose fur is a dark, solid color as opposed to patterned.

6 Reasons to Have a Cat Tree

by **Nomi Berger**

1. It gives your kitty some purrs-onal space: Cats aren't as sociable as dogs. At times they may curl up beside you on the couch while at others they may choose to be alone -- particularly in a multi-pet household. A cat tree provides them with a safe space that's solely theirs.
2. It's entertaining: Curiosity is part of a cat's nature, and being agile and athletic, they will happily jump onto kitchen counters, the refrigerator, and high cupboards -- not to mention your furniture -- to satisfy their need to explore and stay active. A cat tree, particularly tall ones, can afford them hours of stimulation and fun as they leap from perch to perch and play with, bat about and swat at the tree's attached toys.
3. It provides exercise: Not only should cats maintain a healthy weight, they must also exercise -- and that means frisking and frolicking and jumping around. An elaborate cat tree is the ideal structure to keep them constructively occupied and engaged especially if you're not home for long periods of time.
4. It helps reduce anxiety: If your cat hides beneath beds or underneath furniture when she hears a loud noise or when guests come to call, provide her with a sense of safety, a "go to" place, in the form of a cat tree. As an added incentive, spray some catnip on its perches and dangling toys and watch her fearfulness slowly dissipate, turning her from anxious to appeased, from cautious to calm.
5. It encourages sharing: Since cats are extremely territorial and would rather fight than share -- whether it's a couch or a windowsill -- a cat tree is the perfect solution. Ensuring that all of the cats in a multi-cat household feel safe and "at home" is vital for their mental health. Put up an oversized tree with various levels and perches, thereby enabling them to "mark" their own area and to co-exist peacefully without treading on one another's paws.
6. It's a cat's "castle": Whatever the breed, all felines feel the need to be kings or queens of their "castles" and the meowsters of all they survey. In fact, nothing delights them more than climbing onto the highest spot in the room and gazing for hours at their owners below. A tantalizingly tall tower will not only give them a sense of control but also provide them with an attractive alternative to scratching your furniture and covering other high surfaces with their hair. What better place to self-groom in satisfaction while sitting at the highest level of the tree and staring down at the room -- and people -- below or gazing out the window at the wide and wondrous world?

Wiggly Worms



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There are a variety of internal parasites (including worms) that can affect cats.

The most common worms in cats are Roundworms (usually *Toxocara cati*) and Tapeworms (various species).

Cats do not get Pinworms. IF a child has Pinworms they got it from another human. Tapeworm and Pinworm can look similar so testing may be needed to be certain which worm it is. Please do NOT bring any human's worms to your vet. Bugs that are / were attached to your cat are ok.

Tapeworm segments can be found around a cat's bum. They usually look like rice but they often wriggle and move.

Cat roundworms are up to 10 cm long, yellow to brown in color and look a lot like spaghetti.

Some other internal parasites of cats include Lungworm, Heartworm, Giardia, and *Tritrichomonas*.

Cats with worms don't always have symptoms. Kittens are more likely to become ill. Signs might include vomit, diarrhea, having a pot belly, and poor growth / weight loss.

Kittens can get roundworms via the mother's milk.

Adult cats can get roundworms and *Taenia* tapeworms from eating birds and mice (or contact with cats who hunt). The *Dipylidium* tapeworm is transmitted by fleas.

Some internal parasites are zoonotic (meaning they can infect people). Roundworms are more likely to affect children than adults. It is uncommon – happening to less than 1/1000 people. *Dipylidium* tapeworm can occur in people if they ingest a flea. *Echinococcus* is less common in cats than it is in dogs. This bug is caught when a dog or cat contacts wildlife (coyote and rodents) feces. This parasite can be very dangerous to people.

Diagnosing a cat with internal parasites is not always simple. Sometimes worms are seen on the cats bum or in the vomit or litterbox. Fecal flotations can find Roundworms more easily than Tapeworms but the test can still be false negative (ie: miss an infection).

Because Tapeworms are so hard to find on basic fecal testing I often recommend deworming cats at high risk of having worms (if they go outside and might hunt, if they have / have had fleas, or are outside and might meet other cats who hunt).

Treatment for worms (Tape and Round) often costs less than the testing. Testing is important if there is ongoing illness (vomiting, diarrhea, etc) after treatment.

There are many medications available to treat / kill internal parasites. Some are more effective than others. Many over the counter (petstore, etc) medications do not work as well as prescription (from the vet) medication. Some meds need to be repeated every 2-4 weeks to be effective. Some medications are topical (absorbed through the skin). Some are by mouth (liquid or tablet).

Keeping your cat indoors lowers the risk of them getting internal parasites by preventing them from hunting birds and mice or contacting other cats.

All kittens should be treated for parasites due to the high risk that they caught them from their mother.

Outdoor and hunting cats should be treated for parasites throughout the "hunting" season (generally Spring to Fall in Alberta).

Ask your veterinarian what drug is best to kill worms in your cat.

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.

TOYS: How to clean and when to toss

by Nomi Berger

CLEANING

Fabric and rope toys: Most can be washed by hand in hot, soapy water or in hot water in your washing machine. While the hot water and detergent kills the germs, washing them should remove the stains. If using your machine, place your cat's toys in a garment bag to keep them separate from any other items and avoid scented detergents and fabric softeners that may offend kitty's sensitive nose. Hang the fabric toys up rather than machine dry them because the dryer can cause them to shrink or warp and the rope toys to unravel.

Plastic toys and puzzle games: Wash them by hand with dish detergent and hot water to kill any germs. Remove any sticky residue with a sponge or dishcloth, not a scrubber. Scrubbers create tiny scratches that can harbor bacteria, not only decreasing the life of the toys and games but potentially making your cat ill. Dishwashers aren't recommended since soft plastics will warp in the heat and lightweight toys can get thrown around inside, possibly breaking both the toy and the dishwasher itself.

Fur toys: Whether real or artificial, fur toys are too fragile for the washing machine. Hand wash them in hot, soapy water, rinse them thoroughly, and hang them up to dry.

Feather toys: Rinse the feather parts in hot water and hang the toys up to dry.

Catnip toys: Most catnip toys are made of fabric, and since cats constantly chew and suck on them, detergent and fabric softeners may contaminate the catnip inside. The safest option is hand rinsing them, wringing them out carefully, then hanging them up to dry. And NEVER put catnip toys in the dryer – the catnip will lose its potency. If, however, your toys are refillable, simply remove the old catnip, rinse the toys themselves in hot water, and put fresh catnip inside once the toys are dry.

TOSSING

Fabric toys and catnip toys: When a toy starts to rip and the stuffing starts to fall out, throw it away. Otherwise, your cat may swallow some of that stuffing which could cause an intestinal blockage, resulting in an expensive emergency visit to the vet. If your cat urinates on a toy or a toy lands in a soiled litter box, toss it out. No amount of washing will eliminate those odors.

Plastic toys: If you notice scratches in any of these toys, toss them out promptly because of the aforementioned issue of bacterial buildup. Similarly, if a toy breaks or small parts have started to come off, chuck it before those parts end up inside your cat's stomach.

Fur and feather toys: Once the feather breaks or begins to fall apart, throw it out and replace it. Fur toys should be thrown out immediately if they're either soiled by urine or feces or so tattered that kitty is at risk of swallowing bits and pieces of the torn fur.





The Adventures of Gary



Hi Everyone, Gary here.

A-h-h-h ... the lazy days of summer have arrived at last.

The grass is a glorious green, the trees are lushly leafed, and Mommy's filled the cat plant pots with fabulous flowers. But best of all, my bed is back out on the deck in the shade.

Seeing that my contract was renewed for another year, I've been out on rodent patrol, and as the resident greeter, I've been surprised at how few I've actually met. Of course, my regular summer friends have returned. That pesky redheaded woodpecker is tapping on the chimney at six in the morning again, waking everyone up. The squirrels are climbing the trees, jumping from branch to branch, and as tempting as they are, I'm behaving myself and refraining from chasing them. The birds are chirping and warbling

again, and their happy songs fill the air. In short, life is good.

Apparently, though, life hasn't been as good for you humans. Mommy told us about the serious virus that turned your world upside down. But that, much like my friends who have come out of hibernation, you too are slowly coming out of your hibernation. And we're all here to welcome you back to safety and sunshine!

Oops! I see some of my summer friends outside and I want to "meow" a happy hello to them before Mommy catches me using her computer. We'll connect again when the green leaves begin changing to gold ... in the fall.

In the meantime, have the sweetest and safest of summers.

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The Case for Cat Tunnels

by Nomi Berger

Cat tunnels are the purr-fect way to enrich your kitty's environment.

Why? For the simple – and obvious – reason that cats love to hide. Your particular cat may be hiding because she's frightened or because she just wants to play. Others prefer to be tucked away while they sleep in order to feel safe or to stay warm. But whatever the reason, hiding is an essential part of a cat's life and it's equally essential that you provide yours with the opportunity to do so.

You can purchase fabric cat tunnels either online or at your local pet products store. They come in many different lengths and styles, depending on your budget and the size of your room(s). Some even have holes cut into the middle of them that allow your cat to poke her head through or to pop her entire body through. You can opt to make your own tunnel by using paper bags. Cut out the bottoms of the bags and tape several of them together. To increase the tunnel's stability and prevent it from collapsing, "roll" a cuff on each end of each bag before attaching them. For tunnels with greater durability, use long boxes instead. Cats, as every cat owner knows, LOVE boxes.

Before you engage your cat in any interactive playtime, place her tunnel on the floor and one of her favorite toys on the floor outside of it. Then watch her "lie low" while she waits for the precise moment to pounce on her "prey." Alternatively, you can put a toy inside the tunnel beforehand to pique her curiosity and interest. To keep her constructively occupied on her own, place a puzzle feeder or an especially enticing new toy inside the tunnel for her to discover and engage with, hopefully, on and off for hours.

If your cat likes being hidden when she sleeps but isn't fond of sleeping in an enclosed bed, picture her stretched out languidly in a cat tunnel. A tunnel will keep her both hidden and ready to "pounce" should a

tempting bit of "prey" (aka toys or shoes) wander past her field of vision.

If yours is a multi-cat household with a high degree of tension in it or if your single cat's particularly timid, set down tunnels in several of your rooms. This way, any cat can walk through any room and not feel as threatened or exposed.



If you've recently brought a new kitty home and she's fearful of her strange surroundings, use tunnels to help allay those fears. Place one in the middle of her "designated" room to encourage her to explore her new environment, paw step by paw step, while still feeling protected. If she's hiding in a closet or under the bed, set down one tunnel leading to her food and water bowls and another to her litter box. To keep from spending money on multiple tunnels, consider using your homemade paper bag tunnels instead.

Tantalizingly thrilling for kittens, cat tunnels can provide them with endless entertaining possibilities as they frisk and frolic about in their expanding world. For adults who seem to have lost their appetite for playing, adding a tunnel to your playtime together may be all the incentive they need to put a new spring in their step. For seniors, geriatric cats or those with limited mobility, a tunnel allows them to be tucked cozily away without having to do more than poke out a paw from time to time to bat at a toy being teasingly dangled from the end of a wand.

Did you know you can now go online to our modernized website, scroll down to the bottom of any page and sign up for our digital newsletter!

Cool Cats in the Summer



Article by Nomi Berger

Picture yourself on a sweltering summer day wearing a long fur coat. Are you hot yet? Itchy? Thirsty? Desperately searching for shade?

Now picture your cats on that same summer day. And you'll have some idea of how THEY feel.

Keeping cats cool and comfortable is essential to keeping them safe INSIDE. Protecting them from the hot sun, hot air and hot ground is essential to keeping them safe OUTSIDE. All it requires is common sense and some advance planning.

If you have air conditioning, cool down your place as much as possible before you leave for work/play/the day. Draw blinds/curtains and leave the air conditioning on low.

If you don't have air conditioning, place fans in the windows and run them on "exhaust" to circulate the air without sucking in the hot air outside. Keep blinds/curtains drawn.

Freeze a bottle of water and place it IN your cat's bed or place a package of frozen peas UNDER the covering of the bed.

Feeling extravagant? Purchase a cat bed that stays cool through low voltage electricity.

Store small plastic containers of water in the freezer overnight. Place the now-iced containers around your cat's other favorite cuddling/napping spot(s).

Keep your cat's food and water bowls out of any direct sunlight, and fill the water bowl with ice cubes to help it remain chilled for hours.

Keep activity to a minimum and discourage your cat from playing.

For those with a screened-in patio that their cat enjoys, put up shades on the sides that face the sun, set out several bowls of iced water and check on them throughout the day.

If gone for the day, consider keeping your cat in the bathroom to lie on the tiled floor or counter top or to curl up in the bathtub or sink.

If going on a road trip in a car without air conditioning, place a wet towel over your cat's carrier or attach a small battery-operated fan to the outside of the carrier.

Fill the food and water cups inside the carrier with crushed ice for extra cooling, and use a spray bottle of cold water to occasionally wet your cat's coat.

If traveling in a car WITH air conditioning, keep it on and ensure that the airflow reaches your cat's carrier.

Never leave your cat tethered outside in the shade. As the day progresses and the light shifts, your cat will be directly exposed to the sun's harmful rays and heat.

Never shave your cat's fur as it offers SOME protection against sunburn. Pale and light-skinned cats MUST stay out of the sun because their ears and the tips of their noses are prone to skin cancer.

Never leave your cat in a parked car (even with the windows cracked) for even a few minutes. (Leaving the A/C on with the motor running is an environmental no-no). The inside of a car heats up quickly, making it much hotter than the air outside and can lead swiftly to heat stroke.

The symptoms of heat stroke include rapid panting, difficulty breathing, increased heart rate, erratic/wobbly walking, and redder than normal gums.

Should you observe any of these symptoms, wrap your cat in a cool, wet towel, and get to your veterinarian or to an animal hospital immediately.

Being a responsible cat guardian means being an informed cat guardian.

The list of safety rules may seem long, but the hot days of summer are even longer.

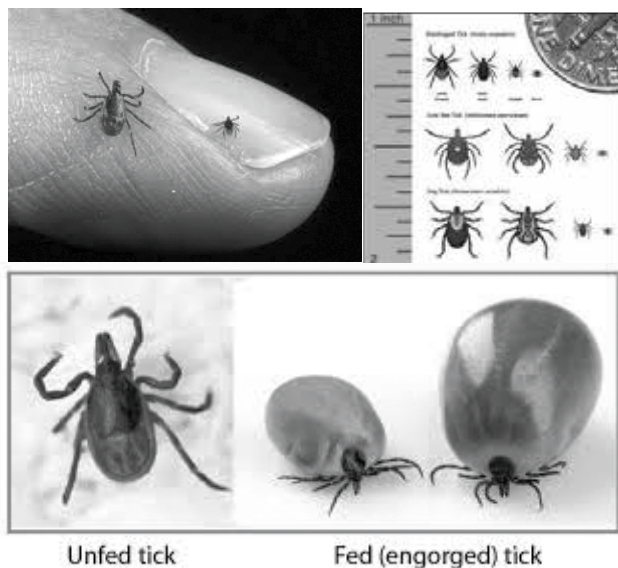


We gratefully send our sincere thanks to the Cunningham Animal Care Fund at the Edmonton

Community Foundation for their ongoing support to the Hervey Foundation for Cats.

LYME DISEASE IN THE NEWS

We have heard so much in the media recently about this terrible new disease, Lyme disease, and how poor diagnosis and treatment for people who become infected is around the world. It is in fact not a new disease at all but is "as old as the hills". It has been around at least since the last ice age, so one would think that by now there should be a simple test for it and a quick cure, but no, at least not for humans. The good news, if you can call anything to do with Lyme good, is that our companion creatures are more fortunate than people. Yes, they can get the disease and if it is not treated they can develop Chronic Lyme, which can have severe consequences; but if their owner is diligent and removes ticks from the pet before it attaches or removes the attached tick in the proper manner before it has time to infect the pet, then usually everything will be OK. Always try to save the tick in an airtight container like an old pill bottle, and take it to a vet for testing. All ticks found on pets and their people are being monitored to see if the tick is infected with Borellia, aka. Lyme.



Unfed tick

Fed (engorged) tick

If you are not sure if your pet is infected then a trip to the vet is called for. This is where pets are fortunate in that not only can vets take blood samples right away, they can prescribe antibiotics that cure Lyme before the results of the test comes back. With Lyme the sooner treatment begins after the tick bite, the less time the bacteria has to get established and to cause damage to your pet. Sadly MD's have always been taught that a positive blood test is essential before commencing treatment, though with all the

recent publicity, that attitude is changing. Good job it is changing, as many people, upwards of 35% of people with confirmed cases of Lyme disease still test negative and are refused treatment or even an appointment to see a specialist.

The following information is from the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation's website.

Pets

Avoiding tick-infested areas is the best way to protect your pet from Lyme. This is especially true in the spring when young ticks are most active. It's important to routinely check your animals for ticks, particularly if you live in high-risk areas or have recently visited one. Vets have access to a reliable blood test so if your vet suggests testing for Lyme, it's a good idea.

Symptoms

Dogs

Dogs can be vaccinated against Lyme disease, but the vaccine is relatively new and somewhat controversial. Most veterinarians only recommend vaccinating dogs that live in tick-infested areas. For more information about tick control product(s): consult your veterinarian.

Common symptoms include: arthritis (sudden lameness), pain, fever, lack of appetite, dehydration, inactivity and swollen lymph nodes and joints.

Cats

Lyme disease in cats is rare, but not unheard-of. In most cases, Lyme is diagnosed only when an infected-tick is discovered.

Known symptoms include: pain, stiffness in limbs and joints, lameness, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, sudden collapse, a "zombie-like" trance, and, in cases of heavy infestation, severe anemia.

Horses

Lyme disease is very common in horses. Some studies show that 50% of horses in high-risk areas will contract Lyme disease over their lifetime. Horses

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LYME DISEASE IN THE NEWS, continued

are at a higher risk than other animals because ticks often go unnoticed. Adult ticks, which are present in the fall and spring, are the stage most likely to feed on horses. An adult tick is usually large enough to be detected during grooming. Ticks are often found about the head, throatlatch area, belly and under the tail. To reduce your horse's risk of infection, check for ticks often and remove them quickly if found.

Common symptoms include: chronic weight loss, erratic lameness, laminitis (inflammation of the tissues inside the hoof wall), fever, swollen joints, muscle tenderness, eye inflammation, and stiffness. Neurological signs include: depression, dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), head tilt and encephalitis.

Diagnosis

It's difficult to accurately diagnose animals with Lyme disease. In most cases, a Lyme diagnosis is based on whether the pet lives in a tick-infested area, has signs of arthritis or responds to treatment.

Treatment

Pets usually respond quickly to antibiotic treatments. Be sure to follow-up with your vet right away if your pet's condition doesn't improve. Pets left untreated are at high-risk for developing Chronic Lyme Disease, which may cause kidney damage and even death.

Perhaps you are wondering why I quote CanLyme. There is a very good reason, 7 years ago they came to my rescue and gave me advice about Lyme Disease which started me on the road to recovery. In the intervening years I have found them to be the most constantly reliable source of information about the disease in Canada. CanLyme is not sponsored by major drug companies so is able to present an unbiased approach to the disease. Here is what they say about themselves -

The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme) was formed to provide the public, including medical professionals, with balanced and validated information on Lyme disease and related coinfections. CanLyme aims to provide research funding for zoonotic disease, to increase awareness of Lyme and its associated diseases, and to communicate concerns to government public health agencies.

Who are we?

CanLyme is a registered non-profit charitable organization run by volunteers from coast to coast.

Our Mission

The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation is dedicated to promoting research, education, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme and associated diseases.

Please take a moment and check out their site <http://canlyme.com/>. Here you can learn more about this disease, how it is spread, how to minimise your own and your pet's chances of getting the disease. There is a very detailed description of how to properly remove a tick. Please put away the matches, petroleum jelly, nail polish. Using any of these to remove the tick could cause it to squirt even more bacteria laden saliva into its host.

Ticks can be anywhere, not just in the woods and long grass, but have even been found on the most immaculately manicured lawns in cities. Anywhere a migrating bird, such as a robin, can fly there can be ticks.

Getting infected with Lyme Disease can be compared to Russian Roulette. If a migrating bird lies over a garden and a tick falls off that bird and climbs onto a blade of grass and if you, or your pet, happens to brush alongside that blade of grass that the tick is on, and if that tick happens to be the species which carries the Borrelia bacteria, and if that tick happens to be infected and if that tick happens to get on to you or your pet and for a meal, then you, or your pet, stand a chance of getting Lyme disease.

Ticks love dark moist locations, ears, groin, armpits being amongst their favourite hiding places so check frequently and carefully. You could be looking for something as small as a poppy seed. It takes a while for the bacteria to get from the tick's belly into its host so it is not an immediate 'do or die' situation but the sooner you deal with the situation the better the outcome will be.

Most important thing to remember is remove the tick correctly as soon as possible and seek medical assistance. Learn all you can about the disease and how to avoid becoming infected, and do not let the fear of becoming infected deter you and your furry friend(s) from making the most of our all too short summer.

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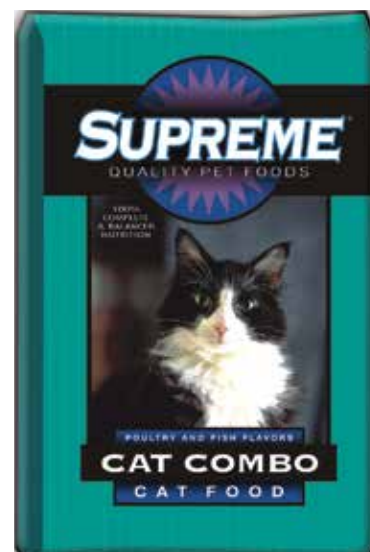
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I shall be a believer of all that is good in man and of all that is deserving in animals.

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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

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— 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.



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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.

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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.

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Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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