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FELINE BEHAVIOR

Are issues with your cat keeping you up at night? Is she not using the litter box, being aggressive with other animals, marking areas in the house or literally keeping you up by yowling or playing in the bedroom? This may start out as a simple annoyance but can easily turn into serious business. Behavior problems represent the primary reason why cats are surrendered to shelters. Additionally, the presence of behavior issues in shelter cats makes them drastically less attractive to potential adopters.

Fortunately, help is available! The first thing to do is rule out a potential medical issue. Litter box issues can certainly be caused by urinary tract infections, kidney failure, and diabetes, among other things. Additionally, older cats may have physical difficulty getting in the litter box or to the litter box due to age-related concerns such as arthritis and incontinence. Excessive vocalization in older cats can be a sign of an overactive thyroid gland or even feline cognitive dysfunction. Irritability or aggression toward other animals or people may be a general

indicator at any age that your cat is feeling unwell or in pain. Therefore, try to take your cat to the veterinarian first so that he or she can check for potential medical causes of the behavior issue(s). It is important to note, though, that once medical issues are being addressed, it may still take additional work to solve behavior problems if they have become habits.

If there are no medical causes behind the behavior problem, stress is the next factor to consider. A primary cause of stress to a cat is change. Did you change brands or types of litter or even the placement of the litter box? Any changes to the diet? Are there new animals or changes with other animals in the house? Changes with human members of the house can affect the cat as well.



Properly identifying the root cause of unwanted behavior is a key element of behavior modification. Regardless of where you are in this process, we can help! Please give us a call or email and hopefully you and your cat will sleep better at night!

CAT BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

- **Not using litter box**
- **Aggression**
- **Irritability**
- **Yowling**
- **Marking**
- **Late night activity**
- **Excessive vocalization**

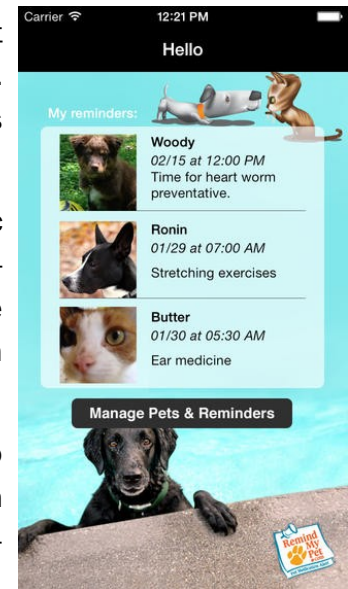
MEDICATION REMINDERS



Since our lives can get so hectic, it's sometimes difficult to remember to give your pets their medication on time. This is especially true for monthly medications such as heartworm prevention and flea/tick preventatives.

Simply register at www.RemindMyPet.com with some basic information about you and your pets and they'll automatically send you an email or text message whenever it's time to give your pet's medication. They'll even alert you when your supply is about to run out. They also have an app for your Apple devices.

Once you register, you'll receive a welcome email. Be sure to add the service to your address book to ensure delivery of emails to your inbox. Just click on the link in the email to sign up your pet. This free service is not through All Creatures, therefore any issues should be directed to them.



NEXGARD

NexGard is a new product by Merial, the makers of Frontline. It is the first chew that offers protection against both fleas and the American dog tick. It contains the active ingredient afoxolaner, in a palatable beef flavored chew, which kills fleas by over-stimulating their nervous system. It is not unusual for fleas to become more visible on a pet after administering NexGard due to this overstimulation. NexGard provides 100% flea kill within 24 hours of administration and continues to work for a full 30 days.

An advantage of NexGard over previous topical products is that pets can be bathed or swim after dosing without any effect on the product. NexGard's oral administration is also an advantage for pet owners who have dogs and cats as there is no chance of exposure through contact. However, care must be taken to make sure that the product is not ingested by cats as NexGard is for dogs, weighing at least 4 pounds, only. Talk to our staff today if you think this product suits your pet's lifestyle and your needs.

FENDING OFF FLEAS JUST GOT TASTIER.



Treat your dog to the first oral flea and tick treatment in a beef flavored chew.

NexGard
(afoxolaner) Chewables

From the makers of FRONTLINE® Plus.

For a limited time, get your first dose of NexGard FREE!

Join us on Saturday,
November 22 from
10am– 1pm for
holiday pet photos,
provided by
**GreenScreen
Entertainment!**

Photos are \$10.

A USB with your photo is
available for an extra \$7.

CASH ONLY

**All pets must be brought in on
a leash or in a carrier**

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



December 1 - December 31

Help us in helping the needy pets throughout the community, by donating pet food during the holiday season.

**Bring in at least 10 cans or 1 bag of pet food and
receive a \$10 credit on your account!***

**Limit one \$10 credit per account*

CLINIC NOTES

- ◆ We are lucky to have a new technician, Andrew, join our All Creatures family. Andrew is currently enrolled in veterinary technician classes. He joined All Creatures in October after completing his externship here.
- ◆ It is our policy to require 24 hour notice on all medication refills. Please be aware of when your pet is nearing the end of their supply, so that we can be alerted in time to prevent any lapse in medications. If you need a refill from a secondary source (i.e. compounding pharmacy, 1-800-PetMeds, Walgreens), please contact them. They will fax us a request which the doctor will review and fax back at the earliest convenience (within 24 hours). Additionally, please make sure you pay attention to prescription labels for reminders of lab work or rechecks required before the next refill. Your understanding and cooperation with this matter is appreciated.
- ◆ Looking for a great holiday gift for a pet lover? Ask us about an All Creatures Gift Certificate!
- ◆ If you love your care and service at All Creatures, please refer a friend. When they provide your name during their first visit, your account will be credited \$25! As a welcome, they will also receive \$25 off their first visit!
- ◆ Some medications may be available through a “human” pharmacy. If you are interested in this option, please discuss with the veterinarian.

Our holiday hours:

Wednesday, December 24: 7:30 – 12:00

Thursday, December 25: CLOSED

Wednesday, December 31: 7:30 – 12:00

Thursday, January 1: CLOSED

fresh facts about PET DENTAL HEALTH*

PERIODONTAL DISEASE
IS THE MOST COMMON
CLINICAL CONDITION
AMONG DOGS AND CATS

8/10 pets have oral issues by age 3



Bacteria is the

#1

cause of bad
breath in pets



of dogs receive daily
tooth brushings

Cat owners brush their
cat's teeth **EVEN LESS**

MYTH:

Doggy breath
is common and
unavoidable



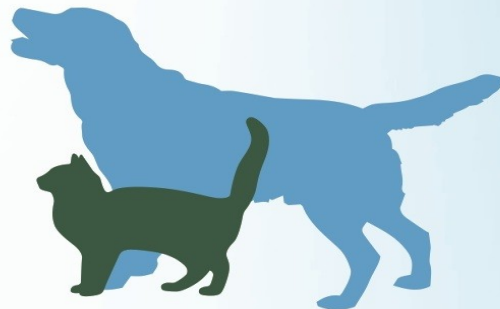
FACT:

Even senior dogs
shouldn't have
bad breath



TOP SIGNS OF PERIODONTAL DISEASE

- chewing on one side of mouth
- not wanting head touched
- bumps or lumps in mouth
- bleeding or red gums
- tartar on teeth
- loose teeth
- bad breath
- drooling



THESE ORAL ISSUES CAN EVENTUALLY LEAD TO:



Gingivitis



Bad Breath



Heart Disease



Lung Disease



Kidney Disease

**RECEIVE \$45 OFF A DENTAL
CLEANING IN OCTOBER!**

Call now to make an appointment – Spots are filling up quickly!