



Catty Times

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Animal

Communicators

Chuck and Suzanne Fisher of Nature's Country Store are both talented Animal Communicators.

They are available if their booth is not busy to assist you and your cat with any problems that arise during the show.

This service is free of charge to exhibitors during Cat Shows.

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Feed Me, please!

In the wake of all the poisonings of pet food, many of us are wondering what to feed our beloved pets. No matter what brand of pet food we choose, there is always the possibility of its being poisoned and recalled.

Some folks have turned to feeding raw foods. Others have found expensive brands like Sheba to be the answer.

While Sheba has only meat, tapioca starch and guar gum, it is a pricey substitute for the balanced cat foods Fluffy and Muffin were used to.

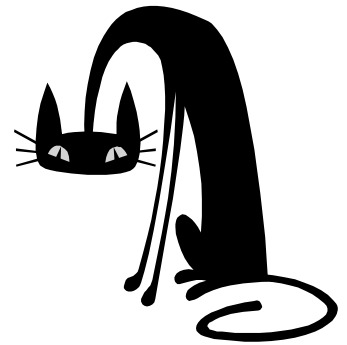
Whether feeding raw food or foods like Sheba's meaty varieties, it is important that we add vitamins to Fluffy's food to keep her healthy. Dancing Paws makes a feline vitamin tar-

geted specifically to a cat's needs. Easy-to-use capsules pull apart, and the contents can be stirred right into Muffin's dinner.

Another popular choice are the vitamins that taste like treats. CatBerry Treat-Ums for Cats & Kittens have cranberry (to help with urinary tract problems), taurine and essential vitamins. They have a crunchy outside and a cranberry center.

The 8 in 1 company makes Kittyvite Vitamin Supplement that are soft, moist, and have a tasty salmon flavor.

Certain nutrients get used up more quickly in the stresses of modern life, especially in show cats. They include: vitamins C, E, And B-complex.



We stay healthier with tasty food filled with vitamins

Foods to Avoid:

Ingredients such as the following tend to attract cats and get them "hooked" on a specific food: tuna, salt, sugar, artificial flavors and scents. Chocolate and cocoa are also harmful to cats.

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Catty Truths

Cattitudes:

- Talk to the tail 'cause the whiskers aren't listening.
- Uh-oh, here comes that hairball. Where shall I put it, oh where shall I put it?

- Dirt—God's talcum powder for cats.
- If it moves, I'll chase it; if it doesn't move, I'll eat it.
- Dirty water always tastes better.
- You call it 'making

biscuits' - I call it sharpening my claws on your belly.

- The floor is not nearly as much fun as the kitchen counter.

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Dear Aunt Catty

Tell Aunt Catty your problems...

Dear Aunt Catty,

My humans don't understand me. I get in their face and try to talk with them about how I feel about the food they give me. They just won't listen. I want to have some variety in my diet, but all they give me in the same old stuff. I am getting tired of eating the same thing every day. How can I get them to change my diet?

Sincerely,
Same ol same ol

Dear SoSo,

Getting humans to listen to you is quite a task in itself. Maybe the next time they give you the same food, try standing near your dish and snorting. If that

doesn't work, try scratching up the floor around your dish like you are trying to cover it up. If your humans still don't get the message, then go to the dirty laundry bay, pick out the funkier piece of clothing and place it over your dish, then sit there staring at them. They will get your message loud and clear.

AC

Dear Aunt Catty,

My kitty sister needs a new home. I am getting tired of her teasing me all the time. When I am taking a nap she sneaks up on me and jumps on my little kitty head, laughs and then runs away.

I chase her and she usually stops near one of our humans, lays down on the floor and starts screaming cat curses at

me. My humans think I am trying to hurt her, but it is just payback for her disturbing my kitty nap. I end up getting fussed at by my humans, and my sister lies there laughing at me. Please help me find her a new home so I can take my kitty naps in peace.

Sincerely,
No Naps for Me

Dear No Naps,

The next time your sister pulls this little trick, go up to her when she is lying down next to your human and lie down yourself, and then start meowing for all you are worth. Your humans will get so confused as to what's happening they will either ignore you or fuss at you both. Either way you have taken the matter back into your own paws and not let your sister mess with you.

AC

How to give a cat a pill

Successfully giving a cat a pill requires determination and a little advance preparation.

- Fill an eye dropper with water.
- First find the cat. Since cats read our minds, they usually evaporate before we convert the 'give the cat a pill' thought to action.
- Place the cat on a chair or bed. Open the cat's mouth and pop the pill in, getting it on the back of the throat. Ignore the growl com-

ing from the cat.

- Empty the eyedropper filled with water into the cat's mouth. Ignore the louder growl coming from the cat.
- Hold the cat's mouth closed and massage the throat until you feel a swallow. Ignore the thrashing

around by the cat and the growl.

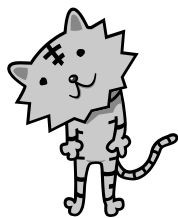
- Pick up the pill from the bed, mash it together and try again, beginning with finding the cat.
 - When the pill is put into a second time, take the pill yourself. If the pill is an antibiotic, you probably need it at this point to counteract all the cat scratches you have gotten giving you a cat a pill.

First, find the cat.

Catty Truths, Cont.

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- You work, buy the cat food, serve it at just the right temperature, comb and brush my fur, stroke me when I want strokes, scoop up my waste, clean up my hairballs, and come when I call you. Who do YOU think the owner is in this relationship?



A cat never lies!

- I purr because I can. What do YOU do to jolly up your insides?
 - Here birdie, birdie, birdie. Come closer, I just want to admire your feathers.
 - I've killed so many catnip mousies, I'm ready for the real thing now—bring it on!

- Lose weight? Oh, no! Your lap will get boney!
- Just because you can grow whiskers doesn't make you a cat!
- I can sleep my way through insomnia, can you?
- You will always know the true measure of your importance after you have been ignored by a cat.

Safe, effective flea control

The life cycle of the flea:

Adult fleas live about three to four months.

During that time they steadily lay little white eggs in your carpets and on your pet. These eggs look like dandruff or salt crystals.

The larvae that hatch from these eggs feed on tiny bits of dried blood (flea Dirt) that fall off when your pet grooms itself or is combed. After one to two weeks, the larvae become pupa cocoons, and a week or two later (depending on condi-



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tions) these cocoons hatch into fleas.

The cocoon is ovoid, whitish, and loosely spun. Because the cocoon is sticky, it quickly becomes coated with debris from the environment which helps camouflage it.

Cocoons are typically spun around the base of carpet fibers or bedding material which make them impossible to remove with regular vacuuming. Vacuuming is recommended though as the vibration from the vacuum may stimulate the

flea to the point of emergence. There is no effective flea treatment for fleas in the cocoon stage.

Flea pupae do not hatch all at once. It is believed there is some type of communication involved (pheromonal?, genetic?) that causes flea pupae to stagger their hatching over a varied period of time.

This effect is sometimes mistakenly perceived as a flea control product failure when it is in fact a normal mechanism of the flea to increase the likelihood of survival.

Flea Prevention

Shop www.shopnaturescountrystore.com for safe pet products

The best flea prevention is feeding our furry friends high quality food. Fleas do not like a healthy animal.

If you have been feeding your pet food with animal by-products and/or chemical preservatives, you need to find them a healthier food source.

If that is not a possibility, then

you might try boosting their immune systems with Echinacea. Tincture of Echinacea in a glycerin base can be found in most health food stores.

Nature's Answer, Turtle Island and Gaia Herbs have alcohol-free extracts of Echinacea. Nature's Answer has flavored versions also.

Put four or five drops on your pet's food for 10 days in a row. Alternate 10 days using the Echinacea with 10 days off the Echinacea for 6 months.

Your pet's immune system will be substantially enhanced. But, please remember that even the best immune system cannot overcome substandard food.

Flea Treatment

If you have a flea infestation, steam clean your carpet. Wash all pet bedding in hot, soapy water.

If you have carpets, get table salt and sprinkle liberally on your carpet. The crystal of the salt cuts the carapace of the adult flea and the flea bleeds to death.

Diatomaceous Earth can also be used for this, but salt is much healthier for both us and our pets to breathe in the home.

Vacuum once a week. If your vacuum cleaner has bags for collection of dust, then take the bag outside as soon as you finish vacuuming and put it in the trash.

It is best to also seal the vacuum bag in a plastic bag so the fleas vacuumed up cannot get out.

Sprinkle your carpet again liberally with salt. Due to the varied life cycle of the flea, you will need to repeat this process for the next 6 weeks if you are doing it in the summertime, or the next 20 weeks if you are doing it in the wintertime.

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1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC

July 21-22, 2007, CFA Show

Suzanne Fisher will doing the following Seminar at this show

Basics of Animal Communication—2 hours

Lee County Civic Center
11831 Bayshore Road
Ft. Myers, FL

July 28-29, 2007

Sportsplex Indoor Sports & Event Center
221 Commonwealth Court
Winchester, VA

Me-ow, feed me now!

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Ham and pork contain fat globules so large that they clog up a cat's blood vessels

Foods to bribe a finicky eater:

- Baby food creamed corn
- Lightly cooked chicken liver
- Sardine in tomato sauce
- 3-4 drops Tamari Soy Sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon Brewer's Yeast sprinkled on top of the food
- Baby food lamb on top of the food

Foods to add variety in Fluffy's diet:

- Finely chopped alfalfa in small amounts
- Buttered whole wheat toast
- Steamed broccoli tops
- Soft boiled egg mashed up

- An olive
- A cantaloupe ball
- A slice of tofu sprinkled with Bragg's Aminos (tastes like soy sauce but with no alcohol)

Crunchies:

Crunchies are an alternative dietary preference for many cats. While it is best to feed a varied wet food and crunchy diet, many cats are 'crunchy-holics' and will eat nothing but dried food.

In this case, Nutro makes some very good varieties. Also, Purina has come out with a crunchy product called Naturals Cat Chow. It is very high in protein, contains whole grains and leafy greens, natural fiber to control hairballs, and no chemical preservatives.

Austin Air's new Pet Machine



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