



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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Study Links Cat Disease to Flame Retardants

Feline hypertrophism (an overactive thyroid) is one of the most common endocrine disorders in cats.

According to a study done by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, hyperthyroidism may be linked to flame retardants in household fabrics as well as certain types of cat food.

The EPA found that cats who tested positive for hyperthyroidism showed elevated levels of environmental contaminants called PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers).

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs) are commercially produced substances that are used as flame retardants in a wide variety of consumer products.

The EPA also found increased levels of PBDEs in wet cat food that contained seafood. The levels of PBDEs in seafood are consistent with recent measurements in edible marine life.

Flame retardants were first added to household items such as furniture and mattresses approximately 30 years



Make my mattress natural!

ago. Feline hyperthyroidism was first diagnosed around the same time. It is thought that cats ingest PBDEs from household dust when they groom themselves.

PBDEs are added to
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Cat Words

Catabaptist—one who opposes baptism (doesn't that describe every cat?)

Catabolism—destructive metabolism in which living tissue is changed into waste products (hmm..this happens to cat food every time a cat eats it)

Catachresis—incorrect use of a word or words (like when humans try to meow)

Cataclysm—disruption on a large scale (also known as a cat fight)

Catacomb—a cave or grotto for burial of the dead



(also known as where dead tailless catnip mousies end up)

Catadioptric—reflecting light (cat eyes in the camera flash)

Catadrome—a race track
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Dear Aunt Catty

Tell Aunt Catty your problems...

Dear Aunt Catty,

My person gets very angry when I pee on his things. Can't he see that this is how I express my anger?

Sincerely,

Peediddle

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Dear Peediddle,

Being angry is one behavior of all cats. However, if you want your person to stay angry with you, then keep on peeing on his

things. There are better ways to express your anger. Get up on his lap, snuggle real close and purr. Just when he thinks all is well and starts to stroke you, jump down real quick, and don't forget to use your rear claws to give yourself a good launch. Your person will get the message. You will need to stop marking your territory on your person's things. If you don't, your person may just get you enrolled in a cat anger management course, which I can tell you is not very pleasant. They make you do things like roll over, stay, and fetch. Persons

sometimes don't realize that cats don't do tricks. Tricks are for dogs,  
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Aunt Catty loves getting letters from your favorite felines.

Help them email Aunt Catty at:
cattytimes@earthlink.net

Or send Aunt Catty an old-fashioned letter at:

Aunt Catty, Catty Times
5679 Smokey Road
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How to teach a cat to walk on a harness and leash

Spend a few moments getting to know the harness. It will have several openings, only one of which is for the cat's head (unless you have been blessed with a two-headed cat).

First, find the cat. Be sure to let your cat know what you are doing. Send thought pictures of the cat and you walking around your yard together.

While the cat is distracted by laughing at the thought pictures you have sent,

pick up the harness.

Place one hand on the cat's back, and attempt to guide his or her head into the harness with your other hand. Continue to follow the fast moving cat head until you catch it.

Beware of the cat's powerful reverse gear—it activates automatically sometimes when a harness nears the cat's

head. Ignore all hissing and spitting, growls and yowls.

Once the cat's head is through the harness, the hardest part is done. Now you only have to guide the cat's left paw through the harness and buckle the harness on the right side

of a wiggling cat. Piece of cake. If this process takes more than two hours, take the harness back to the pet store and get a refund.

**First, find the
cat.**

Cat Words, Cont.

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(part of the Cat Olympics performed morning and evening in most homes owned by cats)

Catalepsy—a sudden loss of motion and sensation in which a person is speechless and senseless, fixed in one posture (this often happens when people owned by cats find a fresh hair-



A cat never lies!

ball in their shoes)

Catalogue—a list of items (cat-inspired and ready for purchase)

Catalyst—an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action (listed first on every cat's resume)

Catasphasia—a disorder which shows itself in a de-

range of speech, with one or more words being repeated continuously in response to a question (otherwise known as the many uses for Meow)

Cataphysical—unnatural, not according to nature (the many positions in which a cat can lie)

Catapult—a device for launching things (used by cats everywhere to reach high places)

Cat Disease and Flame Retardants, cont.

polyurethane foam and various plastics, which in turn may be used in many consumer products including furniture stuffing, carpet backings, non-clothing textiles, electrical insulation, and computer and television casings.

Negative effects on behavioral development, as well as on the liver and thyroid, have been observed in studies on experimental animals.

Symptoms of feline hyperthyroidism include:

- Weight loss
- Increased appetite
- Higher energy levels and irritability

The disorder is treatable with proper medication.

How you can get rid of PBDEs in your home:

- Switch to organic and natural bedding (found at Nature's Country Store - naturescountrystore.com)
- Buy furniture without flame

retardants from stores such as Furniture.

- Reduce your use of plastics in your home.
- Feed fish flavored foods sparingly to your pets. Many pet foods contain fish since they are a source of essential fatty acids, so read the labels.

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Cats have many more olfactory receptors than we do. Cats are also known to be deficient in their ability to eliminate compounds through hepatic glucuronidation (they lack enzyme glucuronyl transferases).

Glucuronidation is an important detoxification mechanism pre-

sent in most animals except cats. Lack of this important detoxification mechanism in cats may result in slower elimination and thus build up of toxic metabolites in the body causing toxicity problems.

Generally, essential oils consist of hydrocarbons or monofunc-

tional compounds from mono- and sesqui-terpenes, together phenylpropanoids and other volatile aliphatic and aromatic substances.

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198 Central Avenue
White Plains, NY

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NC State Fairgrounds
Holshouser Building
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC

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nyl tranferases).

Plainly speaking, cats can absorb the substances in essential oils through their skin as well as through inhalation. They do not have the same enzymes we do to offload the toxic portions of these substances.

Thus, overuse of essential oils can actually harm your cat's liver.

At one time, certain essential oils were considered to be safe for cats, and were recommended for such uses as treating ear mite infestations, upper respiratory problems, and for

stress relief.

In recent years, however, compelling evidence has accumulated that essential oils can be toxic to cats, whether taken internally, applied to the skin, or simply inhaled.

It is important to remember to use essential oils in small amounts around cats.

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