

KEEP YOUR CAT HEALTHY AND HAPPY

Like dogs, cats need to be fed good, nutritious food daily, at least once daily. Cats also need plenty of clean, cool water. Adult cats do not need milk. It can make them fat and cause diarrhea.

Keep your cat inside your home but keep it away from birds or fish you may also have. Also be careful about what types of plants you have in your home. Cats will sometimes eat plant leaves and some types of plants are toxic to cats.

To prevent your cat from scratching the furniture, trim his claws regularly and provide him with a scratching post or sisal rug. Verbal scolding can also be effective. If none of these methods work, then consider declawing. But remember, if the cat was to ever accidentally get outside he will be without his main defense, his claws.

Unlike dogs, cats do NOT need to go outside. Most cats are naturally housebroken and will use a litter box instinctively, even kittens. Cats can easily get injured or killed outside.

Except in special instances, cats do not need to be bathed. When they groom themselves they do a wonderful job of keeping themselves clean. In the case of fleas, there are monthly treatments available that work really well. Consult your veterinarian for further information.

Make sure your cat gets quality veterinary care, including all necessary examinations and vaccinations.

Have your cat spayed (if female) or neutered (if male) when it reaches sexual maturity, usually around six to seven months of age. Your cat will enjoy a longer, healthy life, there will be fewer stray cats on the streets and you won't have to put up with a cat that sprays or comes into heat.

Give your cat plenty of love and affection. Although cats are more independent than dogs, most thrive on companionship.