



The Scoop

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Labor Day is just around the corner

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Stay Out Of the ER this Labor Day

Labor Day (September 1) means picnics, barbecues and other fun as we say goodbye to summer. Naturally curious kitties can get into everything from picnic foods to guests' medications so be mindful of the following situations:

Outdoor access: Before the weather turns, some people allow their cats time outdoors. Fights with other cats, wildlife interactions and traffic are all risks. If you take kitty outside, keep him or her closely supervised or on a leash.

Barbecues and picnics: Avoid giving your cat leftovers which can cause gastrointestinal upset, vomiting and diarrhea. Mayonnaise and other dairy-based foods can be particularly bad since cats do not have the enzymes necessary to digest dairy products. Discard perishable foods that have been left out which can cause food poisoning.

Signs of an emergency

Your cat needs immediate veterinary attention if you see:

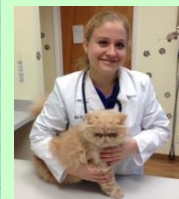
- (Or suspect) your cat ate something dangerous or toxic.
- Repeated vomiting.
- Not eating.
- Lethargy.
- Visible burns or wounds.

News and Events:

Save the Date: Animal Communicator Returns

Animal communicator Lisa Turek will once again talk to pet lovers about understanding what's on their pets' minds at **5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17 at Birmingham Country Club.** Watch for details.

Meet our New Vet Christina Larsen, DVM



Christina Larsen, DVM, came to The Cat Practice all the way from Louisiana. She has a special interest in feline behavior

and emotional wellbeing, gastrointestinal diseases and aging /geriatrics. Be sure to stop in and welcome Dr. Larsen! See Dr. Larsen's interview with the Observer & Eccentric at: hometownlife.com.



A Good Time Meeting & Greeting

Cat families visited with new veterinarian Dr. Christina Larsen and enjoyed refreshments during The Cat Practice's Meet & Greet in July. Dr. Larsen enjoyed making new friends – both feline and human! Thank you to everyone who came to say hello!

From left: Mary Giordano, Sharon Mathison Sues with "Norway" and Dr Christina Larsen.

Microchipping is Best Way to Locate Lost Cats

With summertime guests coming and going, kitty can get out and get lost. This is a perfect time to get your cat microchipped -- so that if he/she ever gets lost – YOU can be found.

A microchip is a small biocompatible capsule about the size of a grain of rice that contains a chip programmed with a unique identification number. When a microchip scanner is passed over the chip, it reads the chip number using a non-harmful radio wave. Shelters, veterinary clinics and animal rescues have scanners and routinely scan incoming animals. Unlike a collar, microchipping is a permanent form of identification that cannot be lost or removed. Your contact info can be changed if you move or change phone numbers by contacting the microchip company.

More people are getting their pets microchipped. This is great since lost pets can easily be reunited with their owners if they are taken to a vet clinic or shelter. Pets who are not microchipped and wind up at a shelter can be euthanized if not claimed quickly.

Microchipping is inexpensive (around \$60), and is worth every penny if your pet ever gets lost!

The Cat Practice Now Offers Wi-Fi

Cat families coming to The Cat Practice can now get online via a new Wi-Fi system. Log in is required – see the reception desk for the access code.



Reduce Back-to-School Loneliness With New Distractions



When kids go back to school – and the house becomes quiet with less activity -- cats often feel melancholy similar to the goodbye-to-summer blues experienced by many kids and adults. This change in routine can cause some cats to act out in any number of ways.

Cats are particularly vulnerable to change. If they become bored or have nothing to do, they can fill this time with excessive meowing or destructive behaviors like eating houseplants and scratching furniture. Any of these can be

signs that kitty is having a difficult time adjusting to a new family schedule.

If time permits, gradually introduce your cat to short periods of separation. Or give your cat a treat every time you leave the house as a form of positive association. Scolding or punishing your cat could make the behavior worse, so be patient. Talk to your veterinarian to rule out health concerns.

Try Out Our New Exam Room Seating

Kitties don't like cold steel tables. SO, we removed the tables from our exam rooms and replaced them with comfortable upholstered seating for you and your kitty. Kitty is more relaxed getting an exam with you and the veterinarian sitting right beside.

See Our New Archive of Cat's Meow Tips

Each issue of The Scoop brings you creative and thoughtful ideas to help you best care for your kitty. See ALL of these tips archived at <http://thecatpracticepc.com/catsmeowtips.html>

Kitty Camp

Cats staying in our Kitty Camp get frequent attention and plenty of play and exercise in our Kitty Playroom. Consider boarding your cat while you're away, have guests or are having work done at home. Go to thecatpracticepc.com/boarding.html or call 248-540-3390.



Jezebelle Has Already Stolen Hearts as Our New Clinic Cat

If you have recently visited The Cat Practice, you have probably met Jezebelle. This sweet little Calico can usually be found lounging on top of the lobby counter waiting for the next person to scratch and pet her.

Jezebelle came to The Cat Practice when her human passed away. She has quickly made lots of friends and is very comfortable in her new home. The next time you are at The Cat Practice, be sure to stop and say hi to Jezebelle! She loves human food so don't turn your back on her if you have anything tasty!



New clinic cat, Jezebelle

Paris Gets Luxury Cat Hotel

The "Astride," a luxury cat hotel recently opened in Paris with luxury rooms, gourmet menu and communal games room. Guests recline on loft beds and pillowed platforms on which they can jump, climb, play and scratch and take



long naps. The hotel opens following France's first cat café, also in Paris, where cats can enjoy a snack while their owners relax with a coffee.

<http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/16920835-luxury-cat-hotel-opens-in-paris-france-video>



A Cat's Not Just a Cat!

Breed Profile: Turkish Angora

The earliest written reference to the Turkish Angora is in 16th century France where they were well represented in the late 1800s/early 1900s at the dawn of the cat fancy in Europe.

These outgoing affectionate cats are interested in everything you do and want to help. They are happy to have other pets around as long as they recognize the Turkish Angora as the boss!

The Turkish Angora has a semi-longhaired soft, silky coat that rarely mats. While white is the color traditionally associated with the Turkish Angora, they come in a plethora of colors.

Turkish Angoras are generally healthy, but solid white cats with one or two blue eyes are prone to deafness in one or both ears. Other problems seen in the breed are ataxia (a neurological dysfunction that affects parts of the nervous system) and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (a form of heart disease).

[See our comprehensive list of cat breeds and related health conditions.](#)



Cat Trivia

True or false: A cat wagging its tail means it's happy.

Be FIRST to email us with the RIGHT answer at Tabitha@thecatpracticepc.com and win a free bag of organic catnip! See next month's issue for the answer!

Last month's trivia

answer: True! There are approximately 73 million owned cats in the United States, versus 68 million owned dogs.

Congrats to **Cynthia Pohlod of Royal Oak** who was first to reply with the correct answer and claim the free bag of catnip!

Cat's Meow Tip: Keep Pill Pockets Fresh by Freezing

Many people use Pill Pockets treats to give their cats pills. But after opening a new bag, the moist treats tend to dry out, even though the bag is resealable. Try keeping the bag in the freezer, and just take out a treat a few minutes before you need it – it will thaw quickly and remain moist. -- *Contributed by Marcia Fast and "Julie" of Birmingham.*

Do you have a cat care tip that is just the Cat's Meow? Email Tabitha@thecatpracticepc.com. If we run it, you get a FREE bag of organic catnip. Limit to 75 words. See past [Cat's Meow Tips](#).



The cat has too much spirit to have no heart.
- Ernest Menaul

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The Cat Practice commitment to cats and their people:

- Spot health conditions early to avoid more costly care later.
- Treat the whole patient looking out for physical and emotional wellbeing.
- Respect each cat as an individual with his/her own distinct personality & heredity.
- Avoid surgery at all cost. (The exception: all cats should be spayed or neutered!)
- Provide alternatives for care whenever possible.
- Partner with cat families through knowledge sharing.
- Make oral hygiene and preventive dental care a priority.

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