

**ADULT CAT CARE**  
**HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. **ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.** A year between physical examinations for your cat is like seven years between annual examinations for us.

2. Annual Vaccinations against:

- (a) **Feline Distemper,**
- (b) **Rhinotracheitis/Calici Virus,**
- (c) **Chlamydia Psittaci,**
- (d) **Rabies,**
- (e) **Feline Leukemia,**
- (f) **Feline Infectious Peritonitis**

Some of these vaccinations are combined so fewer injections must be administered to the cat.

3. Annual **Internal Parasite Examination** and Appropriate Deworming as Indicated by the Test. Cats should be kept flea-free and not allowed to eat dead birds or rodents in order to prevent tapeworm infestation.

4. Daily Exercise. Provide toys such as catnip toys, balls--things which cats will not swallow. Avoid string toys and sewing needles which can cause injury to the intestinal tract.

5. Constant supply of Fresh, Clean Water.

6. Feed the highest quality food you can afford. Cats need special diets, low in ash and magnesium to prevent urinary tract infections and bladder stones. Premium foods are much more digestible and result in a healthier pet and less stools in the litter box. We recommend **Hill's Prescription Diet** or **Iams Foods**.

7. Cats should be brushed daily to decrease hairball accumulation in the cat's stomach.

8. While you pet your cat daily, observe closely for any abnormalities, lumps, rashes, tumors, fleas, etc.

9. **Declaw** all cats that come into the house.

10. Have the cat's teeth cleaned when tartar begins to build up. Pay particular attention to the "back teeth," where it often begins.

11. Change the litter box daily by dumping completely. **Alfalfa Pellets** make excellent cat litter. It can simply be flushed down the commode each day. "Oil Dry" which is the material used to soak up grease in service stations is the same as generic cat litter. Plastic garbage bags can be used as liners for the cat litter box very economically.

12. Establish a relationship with a veterinary clinic who keeps complete records, answers your questions, and provides 24 hour emergency service. It helps if your pet's medical records are available in an emergency.

13. **Spay/Neuter** your cat to prevent later health problems, as well as decrease fighting, urine odor, and unwanted litters of kittens.

14. **NEVER** give aspirin or Tylenol to a cat. They will **KILL** them!

15. A plastic carrying crate is a good investment for car trips, as well as a bed at home. It will provide the cat with a "private place" and offer security. It is used routinely at home, it will greatly calm the cat when taken from the home for any reason.

16. Follow our **Flea Control Recommendations**. You should understand that 90% of the flea's life is spent OFF the pet, making it essential that you treat the YARD and HOUSE, as well as the pet. Do NOT waste your money on over-the-counter flea products. Most do NOT work, and some can even be harmful to your pet. Our products provide the best control possible and at minimal cost. WE are the flea experts! Consult with us when problems arise.