

Kat "Snip-its"

Don't Litter....Spay and Neuter

Spring 2016

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>.'< Kat Snips Mission >.'<

Offering low cost spaying/neutering
for cats living in
Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee and
Washtenaw Counties.

As of this newsletter Kat Snips has
spayed or neutered 5,000 cats in the
counties it serves, thanks to its
generous supporters!

Of the total cats we have fixed, the
percentage of cats spayed or neutered
in each county, is as follows:

Jackson	17%
Hillsdale	3%
Lenawee	33%
Washtenaw	47%



"I'm not bald. I'm hairless.
There's a difference."



Welcome Spring!

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Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 25 &

Sunday, June 26

Tecumseh Flea Market, Tecumseh

"Paws for Cause"

Saturday, July 30, 10AM – 4PM

Chelsea Depot, Chelsea

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Overstimulation Aggression

My cat comes to me for attention

- so why does he bite me

when I pet him?

Some cats cannot be petted over and
over and over again without becoming
overstimulated. This overstimulation
usually results in a burst of aggression

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such as a bite, scratch, a hiss, running off or some combination of above.

So what do you do? Here are some suggestions....

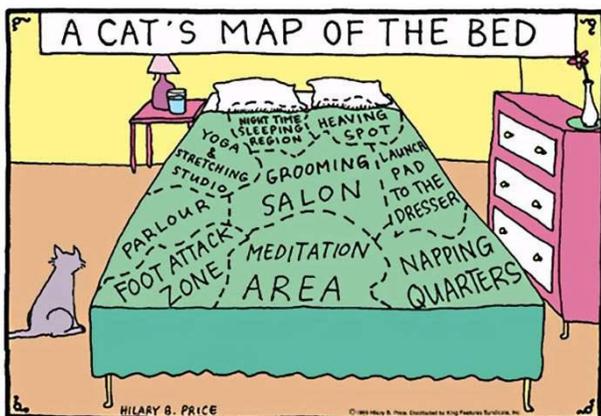
Be observant – watch for the twitchy tail or the back electricity.

Know where you cat does and does not like to be petted.

Use the finger or hand trick – extend your finger/hand to kitty and they will tell you where they like to be petted. Maybe it's a head butt or a back curl.

Play with kitty to release kitty's energy.

Finally, when kitty gets overstimulated from petting, ask yourself what was I doing wrong? Don't blame the cat...



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Four Ways you can support Kat Snips!

1. Collect old shoes – Kat Snips receives \$0.50/lb for old shoes through Community Recycling!
2. Join the Community Rewards Program and shop at Kroger!
3. Online shopping through Amazonsmile – the same Amazon you know, only a portion of your purchases through Amazon Smile goes to Kat Snips!
4. Buy Bissell products – a portion of your purchase is donated to Kat Snips!

In 2015 Kat Snips received a total of \$796.15 from your participation in these programs – every little bit adds up! Thanks so much!

Details of these programs can be found on our website at www.katsnips.org

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The Cat's Meow

Bits of Trivia you may not know about cats....

Among the winners of the PATSY award (Picture Animal Top Star of the Year) given out by the American Humane Association since 1951 are Audrey Hepburn's costar Cat from *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and Morris, from the Nine Lives Cat Food Commercials!

Healthy cats can expect to live about 15 years, but Puss, a British cat, born in 1903 lived 36 years!

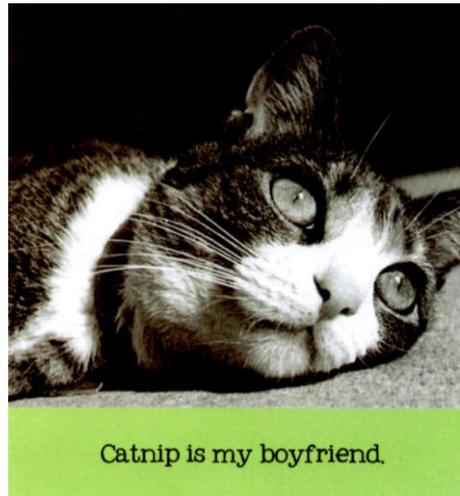
Who is the fastest cat of them all?
The cheetah – clocked at 70 mph over short distances. Domestic cats run at a little less than half of the cheetah's rate.

Presidential Cat Owners:

Abraham Lincoln
William McKinley
Rutherford B. Hayes
Teddy Roosevelt
Woodrow Wilson
Calvin Coolidge
Harry S. Truman
John F. Kennedy
Gerald Ford
Jimmy Carter
Bill Clinton

Wearing a fur coat all the time might account for a cat's normal temperature of about 102 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Fleas!

They suck the life out of your cats!

Fleas are more than just a nuisance, they are a serious risk to the health of your cat! Did you also know that Feline Bartonella, also known as Cat Scratch Fever, can be transmitted to you! Learn more....

Your typical cat flea doesn't ask a lot from life. All it wants is a comfortable place to live, nourishment, and a chance to raise a family. The warm, moist furry hide of your cat provides all of these amenities and that's

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why fleas, given the opportunity, will take up residence on your kitty and cause no end of trouble to you and your pet!

Fleas are the most common of all external feline parasites. Flea bites create horrible itching causing your cat to scratch incessantly, opening wounds in the skin. These tiny, wingless creatures can cause a number of health issues, such as tapeworm (if the flea is swallowed), flea allergy dermatitis and bacteria that causes Cat Scratch Fever in people!

Flea infestation is especially dangerous to kittens, literally sucking the life blood from them. It doesn't take much to cause anemia in a kitten or a cat that is in general poor health.

So as we move into flea season, prevention is the best medicine! Take proper precautions to prevent your pet from being infested with these varmints! There are several products available through your vet that are safe and effective for cats and kittens. Do not purchase products from non-credible sources on the Internet or through stores that market like-products to those sold through your vet. NEVER use dog flea products on your cats! These products can be toxic to your cats and even deadly if ingested!

Should you find yourself faced with flea infestation, you must not only rid the pests from the animal, but from the environment, probably your home, as well! This means meticulous vacuuming, use of flea-killing products and maybe even the services of a professional exterminator.

Remember, fleas are dangerous to your pets, but also to you and your family! So take the matter seriously and protect your pet through regular preventative treatments. Protecting your pet will protect you!

Support Our Veterinarians!

Kat Snips wishes to thank our Veterinarian partners who support our cause!
Please patronize our vets!

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Ann Arbor

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Saline

Fieldstone Veterinary Clinic
Jonesville

Home Health Care for Pets
Whitmore Lake

Manchester Veterinary Clinic
Manchester

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Tecumseh Veterinarian Hospital
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Westarbor Animal Hospital
Ann Arbor

Whittaker Road Animal Clinic
Ypsilanti

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H. Martin
HENRY MARTIN

"Concerning my fancyleaf caladium,
you have the right to remain silent
and anything you say may be held
against you."

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16 Cats

I have 16 cats!

Most people have 1 or 2.

They think I have too many!

I think they have too few.

Charlene Shock, Kat Snips Board Member

Help Us Today!

Kat Snips is supported through the generosity
of people like you! 100% of your donation
will be used to pay for veterinarian services.
The Board of Directors is totally voluntary!
Your donation is tax-deductible.

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State & Zip _____

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mission! Here is my donation of:

\$ _____

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Saline, MI 48176

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Many employers will match your donation to a
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employee volunteers their time to the charity!

Please check with your employer to see if they have
such a program. If not, ask them to start one!