



KATS' TALES

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HOLIDAYSAFETY FOR CATS (conclusion)

The holidays are a time of joyous celebration, but unfortunately, many of the traditions we enjoy present hazards to our cats. Take the following safety measures to protect your cats from harm during the holidays. **Potpourri** While the scent of potpourri may be wonderful to human noses, it can be overpowering to a cat's sense of smell, which is much more sensitive. Additionally, cats may experience irritation and corrosion of the eyes, mouth, throat, and esophagus if exposed to the liquid form. **Holiday Foods** Cooked turkey and chicken bones can splinter easily and get lodged in or perforate your cat's esophagus or digestive tract. Onions and onion powder can cause anemia and vomiting. It's best to give kitty her own special treat made for cats rather than allowing her to share the family meal. **Parties and Houseguests** Unless you have a very sociable cat, provide a safe space for her during parties. A quiet bedroom with food, water, some comfort items, and a place to hide will reduce stress for your cat. Make sure guests know whether your cat is an indoor cat only or whether she's allowed outside so there will be no accidents. By taking some common sense precautions, you and your feline family members can all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season. *Ingrid King, The Conscious Cat, November 25, 2013, retrieved 11/9/2014*

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Hubba Bubba! This handsome tomcat was recently neutered, is up-to-date on vaccinations, and loves to cuddle in your lap. He has a great personality and would love to be a 'couch potato' with you. How about it? Come meet this handsome guy soon!

FEVER IN CATS

A fever is a body temperature above the normal range, which is 100–102.5 degrees F. in cats. Fever in cats is often a normal and even beneficial response to infection, because the higher temperature inhibits the growth of certain microorganisms (e.g. bacteria) and improves the function of the immune system. However, high fever above 105 to 106 degrees F. for more than a day or two can lead to dehydration, loss of appetite, listlessness, and even brain damage in cats. In fever of unknown origin (FUO), no cause, such as infection, can be found. Cats with an FUO are generally ill for several weeks and have a fever higher than 103.5 degrees F. on at least four occasions during a 2-week period. Most cats are lethargic, lose their appetite, have increased heart and breathing rates, and are dehydrated. Searching for the specific cause of a fever may require numerous tests. First, you should provide your veterinarian with a thorough history, including any recent changes in your pet's routine, such as recent travel, potential exposure to unknown or infected animals, or new supplements or medications that you may be giving. Your vet will perform a thorough physical examination looking specifically for bite wounds, cuts, punctures, other signs of trauma, or tumors that might cause a fever. Diagnostic tests usually include several blood tests, including specific tests for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus, and a urinalysis. Urine cultures are often performed to search for an underlying urinary tract infection. Your vet may recommend additional blood tests for feline infectious peritonitis, toxoplasmosis, and thyroid function. *(continued next issue)*
Source: <http://www.webvet.com/main/2008/06/06/fever-cats>; retrieved 12/9/2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 13 Share the Love! 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. St. J. Subaru, Route 5 North, Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury Photos with Santa Paws and Santa Claus; Nail trims by groomer Deanna Baker from Kingdom Canine Center; Stuff the Subaru; Bake Sale, and much more!
- Start planning now! Another KAS Yard Sale in the works, mid to late February, 2015, Lyndonville Call Sandy 802 673-7954 for more info

KAS RECEIVES FROM THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

'Tis the season of giving and receiving, and we at KAS are very fortunate to have received generous donations from those we serve. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following communities whose residents voted to assist us financially in our appropriations request at this year's Town Meetings: Barnet, Burke, Cabot, Danville, Peacham, Ryegate, St. Johnsbury, Waterford, and Wheelock. As you know, we rely heavily on fundraisers throughout the year to maintain our shelter, and now, thanks to the kindness of individuals, businesses and these communities, our volunteers can focus more on helping the animals in our care. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the volunteers, THANK YOU, and have wonderful holiday season!



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Did you know....on average, cats spend an estimated 15% of their time grooming, while more than 60% is spent sleeping.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures that promote health, care and handling; and to prevent overpopulation and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

Please forward this to your friends, family, co-workers, or anyone interested in supporting our shelter. If you no longer wish to receive emails from Kingdom Animal Shelter, please hit "Reply" and change the subject line to UNSUBSCRIBE. Kingdom Animal Shelter respects your privacy and will never share or sell your email address or other information.