



KATS' TALES

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BEYOND THE MEOW: UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAT'S NOISES

Is your cat chatty? According to CATSTER, felines communicate with humans through sound because people can't pick up on the nuance of their physical movements. You don't often see cats meowing at each other because they can see subtle tail and ear movements. There are about 100 vocalizations in each cat's repertoire, which they blend together to express themselves. Here is a bit of insight into a few: **MEOW**—If you have been around newly born kittens you might notice they meow a whole lot. This is because they can't hear or see and they need this form of communication to get the attention of their mother. **PURR**—Many people think purring is a calming sound cats make when they are content. This isn't wrong, but there is more behind this noise. Sometimes it's a way for the cat to soothe itself. "The auditory frequency of the purr, around 25 cycles per second, is thought to have healing properties, and it almost certainly acts as an internal massage," JaneA Kelley, a member of the Cat Writers' Association, wrote in Catster. **TRILL**—A trill falls between a meow and a purr and is a friendly sign, according to the source. It can also be a greeting.

(source: <http://love.theanimalrescuesite.com/beyond-the-meow-understanding-your-cats-noises>)(11/15/13)



BLADE

Blade is a neutered male about 3 years old. He is sometimes playful and loves to be petted. Blade has a friendly disposition. He needs to be in an "only cat" home. Stop and meet him today!

WHICH GREENS ARE SAFE—OR NOT SAFE- - FOR YOUR CAT?

Believe it or not, some cats love greens such as lettuce; here are some tips on which ones are safe. Grass is a green which many cats love. There's a lot of information out there about cats and grass, and why grass eating can be good for your cat. Cats eat grass because it provides a digestive enzyme that allows them to better digest vegetables. Cats may also throw up after eating grass, but this isn't a bad thing. Theories suggest that the throwing up can eliminate stuff in the digestive tract that the cat wasn't able to digest. Also, grass contains folic acid, an essential vitamin for cats. And grass may serve as a laxative, causing things like hairballs to move more easily through the digestive tract. So grass seems to be a good thing for your cat, if you can deal with the throwing up that may come with it. If you're feeding your cat grass, and you're taking the grass from outside, make sure the grass hasn't been treated with lawn chemicals. Remember that some chemicals can travel by air, from nearby treated lawns. You may be best off growing your own grass for your cat to eat. At least you'll know it's chemical-free. As with anything, there's another side to this story, and there seems to be a possibility that a blade of grass could potentially cause choking. A blade of grass can get caught in the back of your cat's throat. Be aware of this. If your cat craves greens, maybe you want to try something with a wider leaf, like lettuce. If your cat loves lettuce and greens, these can be a great source of water, bulk, and nutrients. Use caution. Lettuce is okay; dark lettuce and organic lettuce might be better. Don't indiscriminately feed greens without checking them out first. Be cautious and check with your vet first. Many cats love houseplants, and some are toxic for cats, particularly lilies, azalea, rhododendron, sago palm, kalanchoe, and schefflera. Safe houseplants include the following: basil, German chamomile (NOT English chamomile), coriander, dill, parsley, cornflower, impatiens, and petunias. If you have houseplants that are not toxic to cats in your living space, be sure that you're not using chemicals on the plant or in the soil (some cats love to dig in dirt) that your cat could accidentally ingest. Around the holidays, experts suggest that you keep a Christmas tree away from cats, or abstain from having a real tree altogether. Pine needles can perforate a cat's intestine, and some say that water that a Christmas tree sits in can be toxic for a cat (as well as fertilizers or chemicals that some folks add to Christmas tree water). Expert opinion varies on whether Christmas tree water is toxic for cats; Dr. Eric Barchas of CATSTER says that he's never seen an adverse reaction when cats drink Christmas tree water. Use your good judgment, and obviously keep tinsel, ribbons, and any other potentially harmful tree decorations out of reach of your cat. *By Catherine Holm, Catster contributor, Dec. 2, 2013*
(<http://www.catster.com/lifestyle/cat-health-safe-greens-vegetables>)(retrieved 12/10/13)

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Did you know....A cat's field of vision is about 185 degrees, but it cannot see directly under its nose.

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