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10 WAYS TO DEAL AND GET REAL WITH CAT HAIR

by Susan Logan-McCracken

7. Discover helpful cleaning aids Go over wood, laminate, or tile flooring with an electrostatic or microfiber dry mop. Reach into corners where cat hair collects. Also use an electrostatic or microfiber cloth on any non-upholstered furniture. Use Sticky Sheets on your upholstered furniture in between vacuum cleanings. Keep them on hand to go over cloth surfaces just before entertaining. You can also use cleaning gloves designed to pick up pet hair on furniture and in any hard-to-reach areas where your vacuum or Sticky Sheet cannot go. **8. Save cat hair for the birds** One owner saved the cat hair after she combed the cats. She put it in a net-type bag, then tied the bag on a branch of a tree in her back yard. Birds came to the bag and removed cat hair for their spring nests. It creates a warm fur lining for the nests. Who knew? **9. Love your lint roller** Use a lint roller on your clothing before going out and before washing your clothes. Get rid of as much cat hair as possible before sticking clothes in the wash, or you will end up with thousands of cat-hair beads stuck to clothing and in the washing machine. If your clothes are covered in cat hair and it would take hundreds of lint roller sheets to de-fur them you can put your clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes with a dryer sheet. The cat hair will end up in the dryer's lint catcher. **10. Knit a sweater** Just kidding. Seriously, though, if someone says something to you about being covered in cat hair, you could just wear it with pride. ***My philosophy: if you have a cat, you learn to live with cat hair.***

(Source: Catster.com, September 17, 2015; retrieved 9/29/15)

HOW DO I HELP MY FEARFUL CAT FEEL SAFE AND SECURE? By Marilyn Krieger

*Some kitties come with a past. These fragile ones may have been abused or neglected at some point or they may have had little or no contact with people. Felines who were formally feral understandably are afraid and anxious when adopted into new homes. * Adopting new animals is stressful for resident cats and newly adopted ones, and it causes them to feel insecure. * Startling events, such as loud noises, unexpected movements, and being chased can be frightening and cause short-term anxieties. Even people walking with heavy steps or talking in loud voices can be alarming. * Chronic household chaos, such as tension between household members and constant change, can trigger the behaviors. * Some cats hate being cornered, picked up, or petted against their will. Feeling they have no other recourse, they sometimes lash out. *Help your cat feel secure* Although it won't happen overnight, many insecure kitties can be encouraged to feel safe and secure. Set up the environment. The majority of fearful cats need their own rooms where they can start feeling safe. Ideal safe rooms are quiet, without sudden noises and activity. Bedrooms can be ideal sanctuaries. Many cats check out their people while they sleep. No other resident animals are allowed in the room, unless the little one has a buddy. Bonded friends should always be together—separating them can cause both of them to become stressed. Kitties who habitually hide under furniture shouldn't be allowed outside the room until they are feeling brave enough to venture out of their sanctuaries. Here are some tips on optimizing the safe environment. * Place vertical territory, such as cat trees and shelves, in the safe room as well as in other areas the resident kitties hang out. Cats feel safe observing the goings on in the home from high vantage points. Vertical territory should be at least five feet high. Taller is better. * The room needs boxes and tunnels. Angle them slightly toward walls, so the cat doesn't feel exposed. * Scratching posts and horizontal scratchers are mandatory. Cats scratch for a number of reasons, including marking their territories and scratching when they feel conflicted and stressed. * Don't forget the other essentials—comfortable places to sleep, food, water, toys, and of course, uncovered litter boxes. (continued next issue)

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Lizzie is a sweet cat, about six years old. She has unusual but beautiful markings. Although shy at first, she loves it when you pet her and becomes quite affectionate. She would be a perfect companion in a quiet, loving home. Please stop by the shelter and meet this very special feline today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2017 Cat Calendar Contest - Voting is now open! You can vote once a day, but only until July 31, 2016. Thank you to all who submitted a photo. Good luck!



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Did you know....Cats hate the water because their fur does not insulate well when it's wet. The Turkish Van, however, is one cat that likes swimming. Bred in central Asia, its coat has a unique texture that makes it water resistant.

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