

KATS' TALES

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DO YOU SPEAK CAT?

With Vermont being the state with the highest percentage of cat ownership in the country at nearly 50% it's important to be able to speak in their language. Odds are good that you have a cat in your home or have friends/family in this state that do. While their vocabulary is limited, they speak volumes in body language. Hopefully this article will make you aware of what your cat is saying to you every day.

People think of cats meowing when they think of vocal sounds made by a cat. It's true they do meow, but there are all kinds of other sounds, too. Many times they will trill and make a chirping sound when talking with another cat. Aggressive or 'stay away from me' kind of sounds would include hissing, spitting and growling. And we all recognize the yawning sound made by a female cat in heat! Spending some time with your cat and watching what other behaviors accompany these sounds will let you know the meaning. It can be different things with different cats.

Just as important with cats is body language. The tail and ears speak volumes! The most important thing your cat will tell you if you watch closely is if they are ill. You can see them acting lethargic, not interested in play, or the normal toys and activities that they usually do. They may disappear under the bed for hours and it is hard to get them to come out. They may even be purring to soothe themselves. Many think that cats purr when they are happy or content only, but it can occur during times of stress as well.

If you see any of the above signs, it's best to call your veterinarian and get further advice to see what to do. The sooner the better, because it's the same as with humans; earlier treatment and care will avoid more serious problems later on.

Finally purring...the most pleasant sound a cat can make! This sound is as relaxing and pleasant to the cat owner as it is to the cat itself. All is well with the world with a cat curled up in your lap and loud purring going on!

We have many wonderful cats at Kingdom Animal Shelter if you don't have a cat and want to join the many others in Vermont that have one. If you want to add another cat to your feline family we would be happy to help you do so. Our website is www.kingdomanimalshelter.com On our site you can see the cats we have currently and the hours we are open for adoption.

Written and submitted by Rod Lauman, Board of Directors, Kingdom Animal Shelter



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Luna is a spayed female about 18 months old. She is a sweet girl with long tufts of fur in her ears. She loves to be held and petted, and she responds warmly to attention. She would make a purr-fect pet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 21 10:00 A.M. Pet Parade, Main St., St. Johnsbury, Bark in the Park Raffle after...Big cash prizes!
- June 22 2:00 P.M. Benefit Concert The Grass Fed Boys (bluegrass band) The Stage Restaurant, Route 5, Lyndonville (after Agway)
- Cats & Roses has been cancelled this summer due to the harsh winter effects on the delicate rose bushes (sorry!)

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6 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU ADOPT A CAT (cont.)

3. Have you checked for allergies? Unfortunately, some people are allergic to cat saliva, skin oils, and dander. Reactions range from mild to serious - sniffing to asthma and hives. Although medications, allergy shots, and HEPA filters can help eliminate and reduce the allergies, in severe cases they do not. Before bringing a new little buddy home, check that everyone in your household can comfortably live with a cat. Although some breeds are rumored to be more hypoallergenic than others, there is no such thing as a cat who is "non-allergenic." Some breeds, including the Balinese, Bengal, and Russian Blue, are known to have less of the protein Fel D1, which causes the allergic response. Although many people do not react to these breeds, there are no guarantees. If possible, spend a few hours hanging out with the cat you want to adopt before taking her home. Repeat visits will also help you determine if this is a cat you can live with allergy-free. 4. Is your home cat ready? Living with cats means making your home cat-friendly. Are you willing to have cat furniture, scratchers, and cat toys decorate your house? Litter boxes, trees, cat scratchers, and toys will become permanent décor throughout your home. Litter boxes need to be located in living areas— not tucked away in cabinets and closets. Can you live with cat hair? Cat hair is a necessary accoutrement. Get used to it. Living with cats also means the occasional accident— cats sometimes vomit and might eliminate outside the litter box. Another fact of cat life is that a treasure will occasionally be broken and carpets and furniture scratched. Are you willing to put breakables in cabinets and provide a lot of scratchers for the cats? Declawing is not an option. (continued next issue). *By: Marilyn Krieger, contributor, Catster.com newsletter, retrieved 2/12/2014*

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.

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Did you know....cats bury their poop instinctively. Wild cats cover their feces as part of survival, to not attract attention from predators.