



# KATS' TALES

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## 7 REASONS YOUR CAT KEEPS MEOWING (conclusion)

5) "I'm Getting Old...and Kinda Confused" As with humans, cats can suffer from a form of mental confusion because of aging. Becoming disoriented, they often meow pathetically for no apparent reason, especially at night. Try a nightlight if the cat seems to experience nighttime disorientation. 6) "I Want to Breed" Female cats go crazy with the vocalizations when they are in heat, and male cats reciprocate when they smell the female in heat. This can be a maddening noise to live with, so do what Bob Barker always told us and have your pet spayed or neutered! 7) "Just Saying Hello" Your cat may begin meowing as soon as you walk in the door after a long day at work. Sure, you may be tired and ready for your own quiet time, but take this meowing as a compliment. Isn't it great to know that you are loved by your kitty? (By Gayle Hickman for PetsAdvisor.com Source: <http://www.webvet.com/main/>; retrieved 02/12/14)



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Iris is a sweet, friendly female who loves to be picked up and cuddled. She purrs readily when petted or scratched, and she loves sitting on your shoulder. Please stop by and meet our Iris today!

## YOUR CAT'S PURR IS MORE THAN WHAT YOU THINK

We have all made the assumption that when we hear the purring of our feline friends, it's an expression of pleasure or communication. However, have you ever thought about the fact that purring could also be the way our cats are communicating about the stresses in their lives? Just as humans take in deep breaths when stressed, cats use purring as a stress reliever as well as a mechanism that rejuvenates their bodies. Scientists have found that cats purr through "intermittent signaling of the laryngeal and diaphragmatic muscles," reports Scientific American. This means by inhaling and exhaling in a consistent pattern and frequency between 25 and 150 hertz, it has been discovered to improve their bone density and promotes self-healing. Cats also use long periods of sleep to conserve energy while stimulating their muscles and bones through purring. Researchers have also found that compared to their canine counterparts, purring felines show less muscle and bone abnormalities. They assume purring "has helped alleviate the dysplasia or osteoporotic conditions" that are common in Fido. Take a cue from your pretty kitty next time you're under stress. A few deep breaths does a world of good towards promoting self-rejuvenation and healthy living. (by Allison Espiritu; <http://love.theanimalrescuesite/>; retrieved 1/6/2014)

## American Humane Association and Top Veterinarians Counsel Pet Owners to Exercise Caution but not Panic over Ebola Scare

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WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16, 2014 – American Humane Association and the world's top veterinary experts are asking pet owners across the country to exercise caution but not to panic following reports of illness in animals such as Bentley, the King Charles Spaniel belonging to the Dallas nurse hospitalized with Ebola. "It is important to be vigilant if you live in an area close to an Ebola case, but not to overreact," said Dr. Kwane Stewart, Chief Veterinary Officer for American Humane Association. "While some animals in Africa were shown to harbor antibodies after eating infected corpses or other animals, we do not have this situation in the United States and there is little evidence at this point to indicate transmission from animals to people." Fear of illness can lead to the deaths of pets without substantiated cause. In Spain, authorities recently ordered the euthanization and burning of a dog owned by a medical professional who fell ill after treating Ebola patients in Africa. The chance that dogs might spread Ebola is very small in the U.S. or other places where dogs aren't near corpses or eating infected animals, American Veterinary Medical Association spokesperson Sharon Granskog told CBS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports on its website. "At this time, there have been no reports of dogs or cats becoming sick with Ebola or of being able to spread Ebola to people or animals." "As with any threat to ourselves or our animals, it is important to know what to do and what not to do," said Dr. Stewart. "At this point there have been no reports of dogs or cats becoming sick with Ebola even though they may develop antibodies from exposure to the disease. A greater understanding of the effects of Ebola on dogs and cats is needed to help prevent panic and their needless destruction." (<http://www.americanhumane.org/about-us/newsroom/news-releases/american-humane-association>; retrieved 10/17/2014)

### \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

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**Did you know....Felines have been associated with the fairy world. In fact, in Norway cats are thought to be fairies taking a particular form. Legend has it that if you stare deep into a cat's eyes, you can see the fairy world.**

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