

# Central Cat Mews



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## CAT CARRIERS

You need to take your cat to the veterinarian for a checkup. When you retrieve the cat carrier from the closet, your cat disappears. The ensuing chase tires you out and stresses your cat.

For many cat owners, getting their cats into a carrier is a battle of wits and wills – but it's necessary preparation for veterinary visits, emergency evacuations or moving to a new location.

So why wait until an emergency arises? Getting your cat accustomed to the carrier simply takes foresight and training.

### Accentuate the Positive

Cats often don't like being in a carrier because they fear confinement. To acclimate your cat to being in a carrier, you need to make it a positive experience. Place the open carrier somewhere in your home that is easily accessible to your cat, but out of the way of heavy traffic. Put your cat's bed or favorite blanket in the carrier to make it more inviting. You can also try catnip and/or favorite toys, offering treats in the carrier or even letting your cat eat in the carrier.

### A FEW CARRIER TIPS:

- ❖ Always transport your cat in a carrier or other safe container.
- ❖ Carriers with both top and front openings are recommended. Top-loading carriers allow for stress-free placement and removal of your cat and enable them to be examined while remaining in the bottom half of the carrier.
- ❖ Many cat owners buy kitten-sized carriers when they first adopt a cat but then don't get a larger one as the cat grows into adulthood. Remember that your cat should be able to stand up and turn around in the carrier

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## FLEA SEASON IS HERE!

The easiest way to get rid of fleas? Prevent them!

Central Cat Hospital offers the most effective and feline friendly flea treatment and preventative medication. We carry *Advantage*, *Advantage Multi* and *Revolution*.

Fleas and flea dirt can be seen on your cat's coat, but remember that the evidence is usually "licked" away during regular grooming. Fleas carry disease and can lead to intestinal parasites.

And don't be fooled, your indoor cat is at risk too! Call today to get your cat started on flea prevention.

## Testing for Heart Disease

Feline heart disease can affect our feline friends at any age and it is a condition that can potentially have deadly results.

Often, a cat will develop heart disease over an extended period of time, but signs and symptoms of the disease may not become apparent until the condition has progressed into its later stages. This is partly due to the fact that heart disease tends to cause slow changes in the body, as well as the fact that cats are typically stoic creatures and are very good at hiding the fact that they are ill.

Since heart disease is a serious condition and may not become noticeable for quite some time, it is important that your cat see the veterinarian yearly for checkups. Early signs can be a heart murmur, but most cats with heart disease do not have heart murmurs.

Central Cat now has a new test for Feline Heart Disease. This simple blood test provides information about your cat's heart health and may uncover hidden disease.

[www.idexx.com](http://www.idexx.com), [www.petwellbeing.com](http://www.petwellbeing.com)

## New Diet for your Mature Cat

Many cats suffer from joint issues as they age. Reluctance to jump, stiffness when they get out of their bed, an ungroomed coat, constipation and general unhappiness can all be signs of joint discomfort.

Central Cat Hospital is now offering a new diet from Medi-Cal Veterinary Diets that can help! (And as always, it is 100% satisfaction guaranteed).

Mobility Support contains Omega 3 & 6 fatty acids to help decrease inflammation in joints, reduce pain and improve mobility.

There is added Glucosamine and Chondroitin for improved joint health.

It also contains Green-Lipped Mussel Powder (GLMP) which has shown to improve overall arthritic scores, joint pain and joint swelling in cats with clinical signs of osteoarthritis.

Inquire today to see if Mobility Support is the right diet for your feline friend.

[www.medi-ca.ca](http://www.medi-ca.ca)

## PLEASE CALL AHEAD

Running low on food or medication?

Feel free to call ahead for medication refills and to ask us to set aside your kitty's special diet. This way, it will always be ready for you!

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## FELINE DENTAL DISEASE

You may be surprised to learn that dental disease is the most common disease in cats. In fact, approximately 50 percent of all cats show signs of gum and teeth problems by the time they reach adulthood.

Although cats may exhibit symptoms of dental disease such as bad breath, drooling, difficulty chewing, weight loss or lethargy, they usually will not show any obvious signs of pain.

Cats are susceptible to gingivitis, periodontitis, Feline Odontoclastic Reorptive Lesions (cat cavities) and Feline Gingivo Stomatitis (FGS).

The good news is that, when the disease is caught in the early stages, the best outcomes occur. This is why an annual exam with the veterinarian is so important.

During an exam, your veterinarian may suggest that your cat's teeth be cleaned while under anesthesia to remove built-up plaque and tartar and take care of any needed extractions or other dental treatments. It is also often necessary for the veterinarian to take dental radiographs to check for dental disease under the gum line. We recommend pre-anesthetic bloodwork before any surgery. During the dental surgery, your cat will have continuous IV fluids and will be closely monitored for heart, respiratory and blood pressure.

Dr. Cheung attends many continuing education courses, seminars and wet labs to ensure that she is offering the very best to your feline friend.

How you can help to prevent dental problems:

- ❖ Daily tooth brushing (we can show you how!)
- ❖ Feeding a specially formulated feline dental diet
  - Central Cat Hospital carries Hills t/d and Medi-Cal Dental formula (both 100% satisfaction guaranteed).

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## CAT HOTEL

Book a getaway for your cat at Central Cat Hospital's Cat Hotel!

We offer a variety of accommodations, twice daily exercise, trained staff and best of all, peace of mind that veterinary care is only a staircase away.

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