

TAKING YOUR CAT TO THE VETERINARIAN

5 REASONS NOT TO POSTPONE

CATS AGE MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN HUMANS



A cat reaches the human age of 15 during its first year, and 24 by its second year. Each year after, your cat ages 4 "cat years" for every calendar year.

CATS ARE MASTERS OF HIDING ILLNESS AND PAIN



Your cat could be developing a health condition long before you notice anything is wrong. Veterinarians are trained to spot and detect these problems.

SUBTLE CHANGES COULD MEAN BIG PROBLEMS



Changes in your cat's eating patterns, weight, or activity level can be hard to notice, but often indicate larger health issues.

YOUR CAT MAY BE OVERWEIGHT



Over 50% of cats are overweight or obese. Your veterinarian will check your cat's weight and provide recommendations to help keep your cat at their ideal weight.

PREVENTIVE CARE IS BETTER THAN REACTIVE CARE



Regular exams can avoid medical emergencies. Veterinarians can detect conditions that may affect your cat's health before they become significant.

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