



Ways To Make Your Vet Visit Easier

Get Your Cat Used To The Carrier

Always travel with your cat secure in a carrier. Allowing your cat to roam freely in a car can risk escape and accidents. Make sure you have a carrier you and your cat are comfortable with. Many carriers have openings from the top and side so you have a couple options to help your cat into the carrier. Make sure the carrier fits your cat. It should be big enough for turning around in, but small enough so the cat feels secure. You should leave your carrier out in your house, with the door open, so your cat can get used to it. You can put your cat's favorite blanket or toys inside. You can even try putting food or treats in the carrier. Now your cat won't go running under the bed at the very sight of the carrier coming out of the closet.

Get Your Cat Used To Car Trips

You should withhold food a couple hours before car travel to prevent carsickness. Line the carrier with a comfy towel. This will keep your cat comfortable and be absorbent if your cat has an accident. Take a few short practice car trips before your vet appointment. This will get your cat used to the noise and motion of the car. Don't blast the radio. Your cat has enough strange noises to deal with. When you get home make sure to praise your cat and give special treats and toys.

Prepare For The Exam

You can get your cat used to a routine veterinary exam at home. Practice touching your cat's paws, tail, stomach, and ears. If your cat is used to being touched all over it will be less of a shock at the clinic. Make sure you praise your cat and give treats after the "practice exam."

Schedule A Get Acquainted Visit

It can be helpful, especially for new kittens, to schedule a get acquainted visit. Nothing invasive will happen at this visit. We will simply meet the cat and talk with the owner. This allows the cat to get used to the vet before any invasive procedures are done such as vaccines or an exam. Feel free to ask more questions on making your visit less stressful for you and your cat.