Yes, Spring is here and, as expected, we are seeing litters and litters being born daily to tame and adoptable as well as semi-feral and feral moms. There are many pregnant females out there that will be delivering soon as well. This makes it all the more important that every personal cat and strays you see are spayed and neutered. There are several low cost spay & neuter facilities in town that make it very affordable.

One we partner with for our foster kitties is Northland Animal Welfare Society located at 6972 N. Broadway, Gladstone, MO 64118 816-336-1888. It takes all of us to combat the overpopulation of kittens who are victims of people who didn't do the responsible thing. Be a good citizen. Contact them about the various rates available for your kitty and for feral fixes of strays in your neighborhood. All the work we do daily to spay and neuter becomes less effective when strays are reproducing so quickly. Those kittens don't deserve the hard life they have trying to care for their kittens.

Thanks for your support of Kitty Cat Connection as we work daily to help cats and kittens find their loving, forever homes.

Sandy Coffman
President

Adoption Locations

Every Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
PetSmart Tiffany Springs
8970 NW Skyview Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64154

AND

First Saturday of the month from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
PetSmart Merriam
5810 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS 66202

Both locations have cats in the adoption center and can be adopted by calling the foster home in the cage card.
Cats Available for Adoption!

Flash has been through a lot. He was abandoned in an apartment complex and a nice lady found him and surrendered him to KCC since she couldn't keep him. He is real shy at first but is a loving boy once he knows he can trust you. Flash needs a quiet home with no young or rambunctious children. He adores to be petted. He will sit on your lap quietly and will seek for your hand continuously! He is the sweet sweet boy! For more information contact Jeylinne at 913 202 3809. Adoption fee is $100.

Mavie, male, tuxedo

Mavie is a sweet boy who is shy at first but warms up once he gets to know you. He was rescued from Liberty animal control with 3 other babies. He is ready for his forever home and is available for adoption now. For more information contact Sandi at 816 898 9303. Adoption fee is $75.

Adoption Callout! Share with your friends, lets give this kitty a second chance

Adorable, sweet, loveable twins. They are the best of the best!

My brother and I were dumped by our owner in a parking lot. We are so sweet and loving! We deserve, and are ready for our forever loving home even though our foster mom adores us. Lizzy and Nicoli love each other very much and they are bonded, so they should go together to their new home.

For more information contact Jeylinne at 913 202 3809. My adoption fee is $100 for both of us!
Valentina, female, dsh

Valentina was a stray found by a relative of one of our volunteers. She is a very friendly, sweet girl. She warms up quickly and loves to be petted. She is a great girl who will be a wonderful companion cat!

Contact Jeylinne at 913 202 3809 for more information.

My adoption fee is: $75

Domino, male, tuxedo

Domino is a dsh tuxedo born about 5/15/2005. Domino was living outside when he was rescued by a nice lady. Now that nice lady has to go into an assisted living facility so Domino needs a new home. Domino still loves to play and gets along well with other kitties. He loves being petted and is a real lap boy. He also is harness and leash trained and he likes to go on walks. He does have stomatitis and had to have all his teeth removed, but as long as he eats Blue Buffalo food, he has no problems.

For more information on this sweet guy contact Sandi at 816 898 9303.

My adoption fee is $60.

Whinenona, female, torbie

I was originally found left behind as a kitten in an apartment complex. I was adopted but my owner moved and couldn't take me so I am back at KCC as an adult. I am a sweet girl and get along with other cats with proper introduction. I am a LOVE BUG who adores to be petted and spend time watching TV.

For more information contact Jeylinne at 913 202 3809

Adoption fee: $60

Success Story: Callie

"Just a note to tell you what a fantastic decision I made last week (Sat. 5-19-12) to adopt Callie, 2 yrs. old (she was originally called Mary Jane) from Pet Smart on Ambassador Dr. in the Northland. She is the friendliest most loving cat I've ever had and has been since the day she arrived (right now she is on my computer desk begging for my attention) - loves all the company coming in and out of my house too - not just me. I was concerned about bringing a grown cat into my home because of Bo, my rowdy dog; however, the first day here Callie showed Bo who was boss (if you know what I mean). They aren't pals yet but "can" stand to be in the same room together and I'm sure this will change too. I lost my 18 yr. old cat last summer and was thinking I wanted a kitten but am really glad I adopted a grown cat instead. CAN'T IMAGINE WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO GIVE HER UP!
"
Yes they do! Cats are natural hunters. In the wild, cats follow a specific cycle, hunt, catch, play (with the food), eat, groom, and sleep to recharge for the next hunt. Cats are born with the instinct to perform this cycle which is why you will see that after your cat has eaten, the cat will groom and go to sleep. But in this cycle we are missing one of the most important parts, the hunt, which helps keep cats in shape by exercising before getting the food as they do in the wild.

Nowadays, we have cats with chronic conditions, overweight, gorging on food and then barfing, generally unhealthy, or with behavioral problems such as waking you up at night. Research suggests this is not only due to the amount of food cats are fed but also the lack of play, exploring, and exercise cats experience.

A friend who is also a vet told me about a product she has been trying with her own cats called the No Bowl system. According to her the product mimics the way cats behave in the wild when seeking for food, thus completing the hunting cycle.

According to the NoBowl website “In the seeking circuit, the brain releases dopamine, which heightens their arousal and creates a great feeling of anticipation... like a child on Christmas morning. The small meal completes the cycle and leaves your cat feeling satisfied and complete... the presents are open. Cats need to engage in the seeking circuit many times a day to be mentally and physically healthy”.

How does the No Bowl works? The NoBowl Feeding System imitates the natural feline cycle by completing it with the reward (food). Moreover, “the NoBowl Skin provides the tactile sensation cats want, so that they can engage their teeth, claws and paws in the hunt. Once transitioned unto the system, your cat will hunt, find their meal, and then play with it to get the food reward. Satisfied with this healthy portion, your cat will groom and rest until hunger motivates the next hunt... just like in nature” NoBowl.com.
Now, if you can’t afford the No Bowl, then follow the guidelines below and follow up with a discussion with your vet and about how many meals and how many kibbles per day should your cat should have.

You can hide these kibbles in different areas of the house, so the cat can find the kibbles, or you can buy a cat puzzle bowl.

How many calories is a mouse?

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It may be strange to wonder how a mouse would factor on the Weight Watchers “point” system, but it may interest you to know when faced with changing the diet of an overweight or obese cat. Here are some stats from feline specialist Margie Scherk, DVM, DACVP.

Since a cat’s preferred natural diet in the wilderness would consist of eight to 10 meals—or mice—throughout the day, allow your cat to mimic the native way of eating at home. This means small, frequent meals for your indoor cat. Just like the “paleo” diet popular with humans, a Paleothracic diet can work as a healthy diet option for cats as well. That means small meals high in protein and fat, eight to 10 times a day. According to Dr. Scherk, cats with a higher protein diet lose more fat and retain more lean muscle.

Remember: Middle aged, obese cats have 2.7 times greater risk of mortality than cats at a healthy body weight—and the longer they remain at an unhealthy weight the larger the risk for diabetes mellitus, skin problems, hepatic lipidosis, fatty liver, and lameness. Get your indoor cat moving! Cats’ native diet consists of small, frequent, high protein meals, but it also requires cats to burn calories catching their little snacks. Ask your veterinarian how to best exercise your cat.
Recently, I had to take one of our rescue cats to the vet to find out not only about a chronic dental condition, but also about the importance of dental cleaning, however, that’s a topic for another issue. Stomatitis is a condition that affects your cat’s mouth and gums causing inflammation and lots of pain. What made me take the cat to the vet was the intense bad breath and issues eating, such as grabbing a kibble and letting it fall. This usually occurs due to the pain in their gums. According to vetstreet.com there is no specific cause for stomatitis. Some veterinarians indicate that it can be related to periodontal diseases “results from the accumulation of plaque (bacteria) on and around the teeth, which causes inflammation involving the gums and tooth support structures” Vetstreet.com. Others indicate it can be related to the cat’s immune system.

To diagnose stomatitis your vet will need to examine your cat’s mouth to verify the extent of the periodontal disease and see if any ulcers are present. Your vet can also request some labs to examine your cats blood for specific diseases.

Even though your cat might be in a lot of pain, there is hope! The treatment for stomatitis can vary. Some of the treatments are:

- **Antibiotics**
- **Diet modification** - Dry food is hard on them due to the inflammation on their gums. Also, some vets might recommend changing to grain free due to possible allergies activating the immune system
- **Tooth removal** - Yes, cats can live without their teeth. The idea is that removing the teeth will remove all plaque, ending the disease. However, there can be cases were the diseases remains.
- **Oral antiseptic or steroids**

The best prevention against stomatitis is cleaning your cats teeth at least 3 times a week. There are numerous dental hygiene items you can get online or at the pet store. I recently got these and I like them a lot! The tooth paste is poultry flavor and my cats love it.
Kitty Cat Connection spends most of its funding on vet bills, paying for spaying and neutering, shots and getting sick kitties well. Another large portion is spent on food and litter for our foster homes. Since we are a small group, we don’t have large corporate sponsors supporting us. We are a non-profit rescue, which means 100% of all donations go towards the care of our foster cats. It is because of donations from the public that we can continue to save cats’ lives. We would like to thank all of our followers for your continuous support.

Did you know?
Cats sleep in tight balls to retain heat. They also do it to feel protected. Some cats will back up themselves against walls to make sure other pets don’t attack them from behind.
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