

Cats need regular check-ups to help ensure longer, happier, and healthier lives. During routine check-ups your veterinarian can often detect conditions or diseases that may affect your cat's health before they become painful or more difficult to treat. The Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) program reduces the stress associated with veterinary visits, improves the quality of care provided, and supports the veterinary team.



## Want to learn more?

Visit [www.catfriendly.com/find-a-veterinarian](http://www.catfriendly.com/find-a-veterinarian). The website includes a searchable database of Cat Friendly Practices® near you.



## Why you and your cat will love a Cat Friendly Practice®



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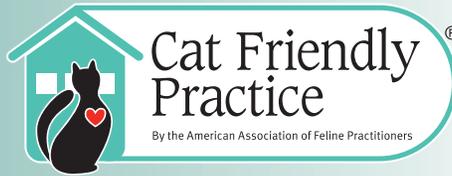
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# You'll love the way we care for your cat



## What to Expect from a Cat Friendly Practice®:

- Waiting room/area that reduces stress associated with noise, other pets, or unfamiliar smells. Methods can include feline-only area, cat-only appointment times, separate space with a barrier blocking visual contact, etc.
- Veterinary staff receives ongoing feline education on medical care, behavior, communication, and feline-friendly handling techniques.
- Feline-only or feline-centric examination room— a safe, non-threatening area where cats can be examined calmly and effectively.
- Trained staff who recognize subtle, early signs of sickness, fear, or anxiety, and adapt appropriately.
- Veterinary facility that is well-maintained and equipped for feline patients (cat sized equipment, soft coverings, feline facial pheromone diffuser, etc.)
- Procedure to adjust for each cat based on whatever is least stressful for the cat. Exams may be performed in the carrier, on the floor, or in the veterinarian's lap.



## More Pleasant Vet Visits

Cat Friendly Practices® make specific changes to ensure they understand a cat's unique needs and implement feline-friendly standards. These changes provide a more calming environment for cats. Cat Friendly Practices® can advise you on ways to reduce stress before and after the visit, including how to make the carrier a home away from home for your cat.

Staff are trained in approaching and handling cats in a gentle, empathetic, and caring manner. Some clinics have even made physical adjustments to make the visit more positive for you and your cat.

The Cat Friendly Practice® certificate on the clinic's wall is earned. Through a self-assessment, the practice must meet specified criteria to verify the staff, environment, and overall veterinary practice is truly cat friendly.

When you see the Cat Friendly Practice® designation at a practice, you can be confident your cat will be given exceptional care and attention through all phases of the visit including examinations, procedures, and/or hospitalization.

The Cat Friendly Practice® designation indicates the practice has demonstrated higher levels of commitment and excellence in feline medicine.