Feline Ear Care Can Help Prevent Common Ear Problems

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keep your cat healthy with

ear care

Since cats are fastidious groomers and keep themselves clean, cat owners often overlook the need to carefully check their cat's ears on a regular basis. Consequently, it is common for veterinarians to discover infections or mite infestations at the severe stage. With even a small amount of routine care, this situation can be avoided, and treatment can be started at the first sign of trouble.

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS THAT COMMONLY AFFECT THE FELINE EAR?

- Ear mites
- Bacterial infections
- Yeast infections
- Allergies
- Fungal infections on the tips of the ears

Routine ear care is easy to administer, especially if you make it a normal habit early in the cat's life. Simply make a gentle inspection of your cat's ears on a weekly basis. You will be looking for signs of redness, discharge, or debris. There are ear-cleaning products that are easy to use to help keep feline ears clean and healthy. Treats can make the experience positive. If you spot an ear that looks sore, red, has debris or hair loss, or if the cat is shaking her head, it is time to visit the veterinarian, so a proper diagnosis can be made and the correct treatment initiated.

DOCTORS' TIP

Remember to take your cat to the veterinarian for annual checkups (or more often if your cat is a senior) and whenever behavior makes you suspect something is wrong. Cats are closer to their wild relatives than dogs and will tend to hide illness more readily. Because of this, cat owners need to be more attentive to "hidden" symptoms.

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