

TLC Wags & Whiskers Newsletter

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Fun Feline Fact

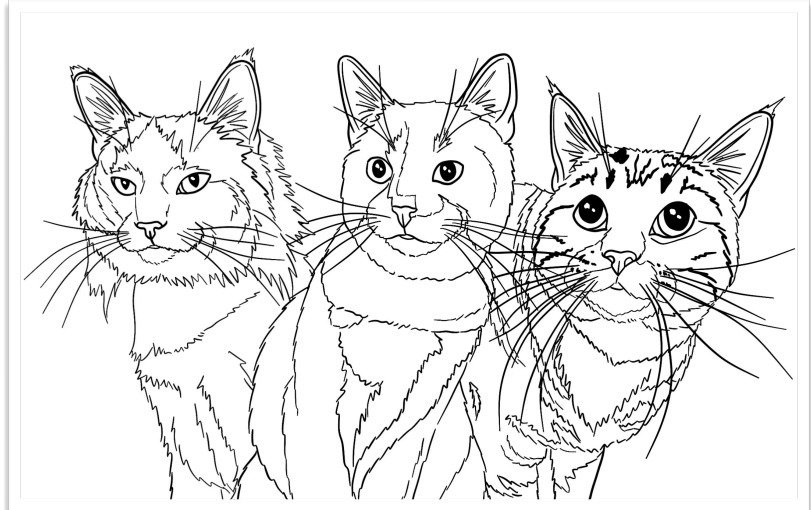
The average cat has 18 toes, with five on each front foot and four on each back foot. Some cats have more than 18 toes, and these cats are called "polydactyl." The cat with the most toes is Jake, a ginger tabby cat from Bonfield, Ontario, Canada, who has 28 toes. That's a lot of beans!

Doggone Awesome

A dog's nose print is unique, like a human fingerprint, and doesn't change with age. Some kennel clubs use nose prints to identify dogs!

Weird Words

Borborygmus is a weird sounding word. More commonly known as "stomach rumble," borborygmus describes the weird sounding gurgle and bubble noises that the stomach and intestines make as food moves through them. Next time your stomach makes a weird noise, you can say "that's just my borborygmus!"



Clinic cat artwork by Tech Lili, who also does professional pet portraits!

Clinic News

Welcome to Wags and Whiskers!

Welcome to our new TLC Wags and Whiskers Newsletter! We hope to use this space as a fun way to share clinic news, animal health topics, fun stories, and cool cases with our TLC client family. Watch our social media pages for Newsletter links whenever we post one!

Using New Technology to Make Medical Records Better!



It seems like you really can teach old dogs new tricks! We recently signed up for a cool new program called "HappyDoc." This program uses AI technology developed specifically for Veterinary Medicine to transcribe appointments into well organized and incredibly accurate medical notes. These notes are then used by the doctor to quickly and efficiently create medical records that include every little detail about the pet's visit, reducing time

TLC Staff Fave

This month's TLC Staff Fave is **Provable Forte**. Made by Nutramax, Provable is a probiotic/prebiotic product for dogs and cats.



What is it exactly?

Provable contains seven different strains of live probiotic microorganisms plus two prebiotics. The prebiotic supports the probiotic.

What is it for?

Provable supports gastrointestinal health. It is usually used to help when a pet develops diarrhea, but it can also be given before stressful situations or alongside antibiotics or other stomach upsetting medications to help prevent diarrhea.

Why do we love it?

We love Provable at TLC because it is a safe, natural, over the counter way to help stop or prevent diarrhea in otherwise healthy pets.

What else should I know?

Provable is a great product for pets with diarrhea but are otherwise healthy, eating, drinking, and acting normally. If your pet develops diarrhea and also doesn't feel well, stops eating, is vomiting, acts painful, or shows other signs of distress, a vet visit is warranted!

spent charting but increasing accuracy and quality of the medical record overall. It is like having a medical transcriptionist on hand at all times! Dr. Andi has found that she is now able to spend less time charting and has more time for patients and clients since starting with HappyDoc. She especially enjoys getting home to her family at a reasonable hour in the evening, comfortable with the knowledge that the charts are detailed and accurate.

Two New Faces at TLC



You might have noticed that we have had a high school student working with us for the last several months. Brendan started with us working a few hours a couple times a week during school, but worked full time with us for the summer. He has learned many valuable skills here, and

we thank our clients for their patience with our young team member as he practiced communicating on the phone and in the exam room. He has become a skilled team member in a short amount of time, and we sure were sad when school started again and he had to go back to working part time.



Please swing by to meet our newest tech team member, Hannah. She just started with us in September and we are very happy to welcome her to our little clinic family! Watch our website at www.TLCAnimalCare.com for her bio, which should be updated soon.

Palouse Days Fun

We had a great time at Palouse Days this year playing "Veterinary Family Feud." Tech Lili did a wonderful job putting the game together! Sending out a big congratulations to "Team Cat" for their Family Feud win. Team Cat walked away with cash and candy prizes!



TLC also had a team in the Heidi Keen Barley Bar Relay this year. We placed third!

Clinic Tails

We do a lot of work with cats in need here at TLC, and a lot of our funds come from our little non-profit organization, “Rainbow Kitty Rescue.” Rainbow Kitty was named by Dr. Andi’s daughter when she was little, and the clinic was still located in the basement of their family home. Rainbow Kitty has come a long way since then, and is now a 501(c)3! Hundreds of kittens and cats have benefited from our little rescue over the years. These furry friends are given the medical care they need to survive and thrive. They are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and dewormed, and then we help them find their forever homes. With kittens this is usually pretty easy, but with older cats it can be a challenge.

This brings us to our latest Rainbow Kitties, “Chunk Norris” and “Pontoon.” These two older brothers lived nice quiet lives with their owner, also an older gentleman, until recently when tragically their owner passed away suddenly. Chunk and Pontoon arrived to the clinic stressed and traumatized by the sudden changes in their typically sedentary and uneventful lives. We set them up in our quiet isolation suite and gave them time to decompress.

Over the last 6 weeks, the boys have come a long way both emotionally and physically. They are eating a low calorie diet and have been losing weight steadily. This is very important, as they were so obese that moving around was difficult and uncomfortable for them. With time and TLC, they are both finally settled down and were deemed ready for new homes mid-September.



Finding homes for older cats is difficult as it is, but trying to find a home for two older cats is next to impossible. For that reason we made the difficult decision to allow them to be adopted separately. Chunk found his home almost immediately, but Pontoon is still waiting for his perfect retirement home.

If you are interested in adopting this big beautiful boy, please call us at (509) 592-8073.

Paws for Thought

As we head into fall and early winter, it is important to think about spaying and neutering cats. “Kitten Season” in our area starts as early as January, which means that many of those cats are getting pregnant in November! It is vital to catch these cats before they have a chance to make more cats. This includes house pets, barn cats, and stray or community cats. Females can become pregnant at six months of age, and have their first litters before age one. Female cats average 4-6 kittens per litter, and can have 2-3 litters per year. The sooner we decommission that reproductive system the better. Cats can be spayed and neutered at TLC Animal Care as soon as they are 2 lbs, which works well for feral or barn kitties that may be difficult to catch as they age. Pet kitties typically get spayed/neutered around 16 weeks of age along with receiving their final vaccine boosters. If you are having financial trouble getting your pet cats spayed or neutered, or you have feral cats in your neighborhood that need spayed and neutered, please reach out to us and we can point you in the right direction for assistance! (509) 592-8073 or TLCAnimalCare@yahoo.com

