

The Cat Doctor

Monthly Newsletter

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Greetings and welcome back!

We are continuing with the subtle signs of illness in cats, and this month are discussing changes in food and water consumption.

Any changes in the amount a cat eats and drinks are of a concern and calls for an exam by your veterinarian. Decreased food intake by your cat can be a sign of various health disorders, including poor dental health. Two indicators are observing how your cat chews its food and if you detect bad breath. Increased food intake can be caused by health disorders such as diabetes mellitus, hyperthyroidism, as well as other health problems, most of which are easily treated if detected early. Increased water intake can be an early indicator of diseases including kidney disease, thyroid problems and diabetes. Diagnosis of the above includes a complete physical exam and labwork, including a blood chemistry (glucose, kidney, and liver values), a cbc (white blood cell count), thyroid levels, and a urinalysis. If you are noticing changes in your cat's food and water consumption, please call our office to schedule an appointment.

Until next month,

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