

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 two- changes in activity and changes in sleeping habits.

Any change in a cats activity signifies the need for a veterinarian visit. A cat of any age can be injured by simply jumping up or down which can cause limping or fractures. As cats age, they simply don't slow down due to old age, but usually due to systemic illness or discomfort from joint disease. Hyperthyroidism is a popular illness in senior felines and can cause increased activity.

The average healthy adult cat sleeps 16-18 hours daily (2/3 of their life!) Although this is normal most of it is "catnapping," during which your cat should respond quickly to usual stimuli such as having a can of food opened or you the owner entering the room. Brainwave patterns of cats are similar to those of humans during deep sleep, which leads us to believe that they do indeed dream!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO EVERYONE! Please keep in mind that chocolate, chocolate covered raisins and grapes are all toxic to our feline friends. Please, for safety concerns it's best to keep your kitty indoors this Halloween weekend!

Until next month,

Your friends at the Cat Doctor

