

The proper techniques for the grooming of your favorite feline

By Alice Scott

To keep your cat healthy and looking its best, you will have to groom it regularly. It is best to begin while the cat is still a young kitten. They are far more tolerant than adult cats of brushing and grooming and adapt to it more readily. You will have to spend a bit more time and patience on a mature cat to have him relax and enjoy grooming.

Since the cats fur serves to protect it from the weather, its thickness normally varies with the seasons. The thickness of its coat is regulated by the temperature and the amount of sunlight to which it is exposed.

Shedding heaviest during the spring and summer months when there are the most hours of daylight. Indoor cats living in artificial light tend to shed more or less uniformly throughout the year.

Brush your pets fur for at least five or ten minutes everyday. Long-haired cats should be

brushed twice a day. This will untangle knots before they become matted and remove loose hair that might otherwise be swallowed when the animal grooms itself with its tongue. Your vet will be able to supply you with something to help your cat if it has problems with hair balls.

Always check your cat for foreign substances that become tangled in its hair. Cats are curious and after they come home they may be matted with paint, tar, chewing gum etc. The substances can be removed with soap and water or carefully trimmed. Always cut in the direction of the growth, not across it. The matted area should be cut only by cutting small pieces.

Never use cleaning fluid, turpentine or other strong solvents to clean matted fur. They will irritate the cat's skin and can poison the animal if absorbed into its body.

Bathing a cat should not be necessary unless they are exces-

sively dirty, such as after an encounter with a skunk. Bathing should always be done indoors in a warm spot that is free of drafts. Try to get an assistant to hold the cat while you bathe it. The cat should be towelled down thoroughly and protected from drafts until it is completely dry.

When the cat is fully dry, give it a good brushing to remove all the loose hairs and restore the luster to its fur.

Once a week check your cat's ears for wax and dirt. Do not use alcohol and don't clean inside the ear with a Q-tip, use a cotton ball moistened in warm water.

About once a month you should clip your cats nails. Only clip the tips and very carefully not to cause them to bleed. If they do bleed apply direct pressure to the nail with a cotton ball.

If your cat happens to get fleas then wash his bedding and spray him or put a flea collar on the cat. Always ask your vet the best items to use.

If you don't drive safely, your points may disappear right before your eyes

"How many points is that?" is a question frequently asked by Police Officers. The answer usually varies according to the violation. The following article will clarify that question and others that you may have.

The demerit system is aimed at driver improvement, punishing drivers who abuse the privilege of operating motor vehicles. It is designed to identify persistent traffic violators.

Probationary Drivers

Every person who obtains an Ontario drivers licence is placed on a two year probation period. If six demerit points are accumulated during this time the drivers licence will be suspended for 30 days. Every probationary driver must complete a two year suspension free period.

The demerit points remain on a driver's record for a period of two years from the date of the offence. It is possible that a driver could be a probationary driver throughout his/her entire life. This is not the type of person you would lend your Cadillac to!!!!!!

Non-Probationary Drivers

After a successful probationary period drivers are given a more lenient 15 point system. After accumulating six points the Ministry of Transportation informs drivers of their record and urges them to improve their driving habits.

At nine points drivers are required to attend an interview to discuss their driving record and give reasons why their licence should not be suspended.

At 15 points your licence is

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suspended and remains suspended for 30 days. The point total is then reduced to seven points. If your driving habits do not improve you could be suspended for a minimum of six months.

The Point System

Conviction for any of these offences will result in the number of demerit points indicated. All are Highway Traffic Offences.

- 7 points Failing to remain at the scene of an accident.
- 6 points Careless driving
- Racing
- Exceeding speed limit by 50 km/h or more

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Shortage of doctors in Northern Ontario

Elinor Caplan recently sent a letter to Lake Nipigon MPP Gilles Pouliot addressing the issue of the shortage of doctors in Northern Ontario.

The main thrust of the letter deals with the establishing of a committee intended to identify the need for physicians, nurses, rehabilitation professionals and other health care workers. Here is Caplan's letter to Pouliot.

I am writing in reply to your letters concerning future opportunities for physicians from other provinces to practice in Ontario. I can assure you that it is not my intent to introduce any policy which will decrease the supply of physicians in Northern Ontario.

The Underserved Area Program, which has recruited many physicians to Northern Ontario over the last twenty years, has helped to ensure the availability of medical services. However, additional measures aimed at recruiting and retaining physicians in Northern Ontario must also be developed.

Since experience in other provinces and the U.S. has shown that the location of training has an important influence on where one established a practice, I am supporting initiatives by the Ontario faculties of medicine to develop new training programs

for family physicians in northern and rural areas of the province.

To help attract and retain health professionals in Northern Ontario, I recently announced the creation of a Northern Health Manpower Committee. This committee will identify the need for physicians, nurses, rehabilitation professionals and other health care workers, initiate innovative approaches to retaining health professionals in the North, and develop and maintain co-operative working relationships between health care institutions, district health councils, and other groups interested in health care.

A bilingual Northern Co-ordinator will be overseeing health planning and the development of a strategic plan for northern health care.

I believe that the Northern Health Manpower Committee and the new Northern Co-ordinator will help ensure that the North remains a priority for health care planning in Ontario.

The Northern Health Manpower Committee will be able to evaluate the recommendations made by the OMA Special Committee on Northern Affairs on the recruitment and retention of manpower in Northern Ontario.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY Notice Regarding Council Meetings

The public is welcome to attend our regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 1989, being held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

The North of Superior Programs requires a Director/Worker for a new Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.

The successful applicant will be required to:

- i) initiate and develop a community program for Alcohol and Substance Abuse assessment, referral and follow-up.
- ii) provide direction and supervision for all aspects of program operation.
- iii) to work half time as a worker in assessment referral and follow-up.

The following assets will be favourably considered for this position:

- i) A degree in one of the Social Sciences
 - ii) Addiction Intervention Association Certification (C.A.C.) or equivalent
 - iii) Administration background
 - iv) Experience in providing direct substance abuse services ie: education, assessment, referral treatment, aftercare
 - v) A demonstrated ability to work with a wide range of clients in both age and social status
 - vi) Bilingualism
- Salary range will be \$38,000 - \$45,000 with excellent benefits.

Travel is an integral part of this position and applicant must have valid driver's license and own car.

Closing Date: April 8, 1989
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