

UC DAVIS VETERINARY MEDICAL TEACHING HOSPITAL

is proud to be an American Association of Feline Practitioners Cat Friendly Practice[®]

What does this mean?

We have made changes to our hospital environment, and our staff has completed training aimed at providing your feline companion with a more calming, reduced stress veterinary experience.

Examples of How Our Practice Keeps Your Feline Friend's Needs in Mind

The Waiting Room:

- Separate cat waiting area, free from the commotion of a busy lobby and curious dogs.
- Feel free to ask for a towel to drape over your cat carrier for added privacy.

The Exam Room and Hospital Visit:

- We play gentle background music that is composed of tones and tempo that have been shown to calm cats.
- We offer popular scent diffusers and scented towels to help cats feel safe.
- We try to do all our work with your cat in the exam room, so they don't have to travel around the hospital. As we all know, most cats do not enjoy travel.
- We employ low-stress handling techniques.
- We have a "Cats Only" hospital ward designed with feline needs in mind:
 - Cats are positioned so they can't see each other.
 - Kennels employ soft closing doors (no clanging and banging).
 - Shy cats are provided with hiding spaces.
- Our medical professionals prioritize health management based on your cat's life stage and lifestyle to prevent, identify, and manage health concerns as early as possible. Our goal is to keep your cat healthy and happy and home with you as long as possible.
- Our team is trained to offer personalized suggestions to make subsequent visits successful and easier for you and your cat.

Please feel free to ask our team for more information on how you and your cat can gain the most from visiting our Cat Friendly Practice[®]



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