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What to Give to the Cat Who Has Everything?



I'm sure you have been contemplating the all-important question of what to get as holiday gifts for your cats.

In today's overly-commercial and material holiday frenzy, what could

be a better idea than giving the gift of health?

With that in mind we have a few suggestions as to what that might include for your kitty:

- Comprehensive wellness examination
- Behavior counseling
- 6-month check up for senior cats (8 years and older)
- Nutritional analysis
- 2006 weigh-in: lose that extra pound
- Dental treats and poultry-flavored toothpaste

Be sure to practice good holiday safety:

- No tinsel
- Watch the turkey!
- No tree water
- No table scraps
- Be careful with ribbons and string

Of course, when you stop by, you can also pick up a catnip-filled Santa Mouse as a stocking stuffer!

Your cat(s) will thank you!



2006 Cat Weigh-In

Your cats might not know it yet, but they have New Year's Resolutions to keep.

Bring your cat in January to get a complimentary baseline weight for 2006. We will compare with previous weights, assess body condition and set targets for the year. Each participant will receive a free organic catnip toy — no calories AND promotes exercise! (Don't worry we'll have some cool prizes for you humans too!)

Be a part of the 2006 Houston Cat Weigh-In: our goal is to weight one ton of cats!



Seasons Greetings from all of us at The Cat Doctor



The Cat Meows...

All the news that's fit to print from The Cat Doctor

The Doctor Says...

You're invited!

Please accept my personal invitation to our upcoming Spring Fling Open House event. Reserve the date: Saturday April 29th from 9am to Noon. It is our way of saying "Thank you" to all of our clients and patients. We appreciate you and the support and good words you've had about us and our clinic.

Our Open House will feature self-guided tours of all our facilities—come see the behind-the-scenes equipment and features of the clinic. See how we do x-rays and surgery. You can even test your own x-ray viewing skills with some fun quizzes set up on each x-ray box. Of course we'll also have brunch, coffee, drinks and lots of free goodies for you. You may even win a door prize!

Feel free to bring any friends who may be curious about us as well.

—Dr. Caroline Oeben

Heeeeeere's Kelly!



Kelly doing important stuff

Many of you already know Kelly McIver—she joined Dr. O. and Amy as a vital member of our Cat Doctor team almost a year ago!

Kelly moved here from Austin where she worked at a small animal clinic for 3 years.

Kelly's favorite thing about working here is watching all the sick kitties get better!

At home Kelly has a very handsome Siamese-cross cat, Little Man, and a new French bulldog puppy, Delilah.



and Allison Reeves, Intern

Allison has just joined our Cat Doctor team as a student intern and we are very excited to welcome her.

Currently a junior at the High School for Performing and Visual Arts, Allison's favorite classes are US history and English.

Since she's not ready to give up high school just yet, Allison, who loves working with cats, will be helping us out in the afternoons after school.

Allison has 3 "pets" at home: one cat (Princess), a dog (Pepper) and a brother (David).



Magnum LOVES Allison and so do we!



Dr. Oeben with "Bella," patient #1000

Over 1,200 Served

holiday yummy

'Tis the season for giving and sharing so here's one of my **favorite** holiday dishes that has been a staple in my family for years. It's a great compliment to holiday meals. It can be prepared in advance and is easily doubled. —Dr.O

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. raspberry Jello
- 1 can (15 oz.) crushed pineapple (undrained)
- 1 can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Directions:

Heat crushed pineapple with juice until it begins to boil. Dissolve jello and add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Pour into mold or flat baking dish and refrigerate several hours or until gelled.

Garnish with mandarin orange slices. You can also make a dressing of equal parts sour cream and mayonnaise to dab on top.

Enjoy!