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CAT TALES

- If you dream of a tortoiseshell cat, you will be lucky in love.
- If you dream of a ginger cat, you will be lucky in money and business.
- If you dream of a black and white cat, you'll have luck with children; may also mean the birth of a child.
- If you dream of a tabby, you will have luck for your home and all who live there.
- If you dream of a multi-colored cat, you will have luck making friends.
- If you dream of a white cat it means good

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Celebrating Janette Denton

When asked what she thought about Janette, Lillee Ann replied, "Her heart is on, her heart is really on. I want to live with her". That was two years ago when Janette adopted Lillee Ann. Should you ask any of the Purrfect Paws felines their opinion of Janette they will speak of her deep compassion and gentle touch.



Lillee Ann & Janette

Janette is a reservoir of love for the felines. Her spirit soothes ruffled emotions and physical ailments.

Dependable and responsible, Janette volunteers three long days

at the Purrfect Paws sanctuary. She knows all the felines by name and personality. Since felines need and respond to routine they appreciate Janette's sense of order. She glides effortlessly through major projects making the work appear easy.

Janette is a quiet and gentle force who is greatly appreciated and respected by all residents and volunteers.

Janet's compassion is evident in all she does. She was previously a traveling nurse and certainly impacted the lives of people in many states.

Ask Janette why she chose to volunteer at Purrfect Paws and she'll tell you she volunteers because she loves cats.

Throughout her life she has given

many felines a loving home. She rescued four felines last year who were living outside and frequenting the dumpster. Three of the four have found their "forever home".



Thank You Janette.

Much Love and Gratitude from all furry and non-furry residents at Purrfect Paws.

Zhivago Goes "Home"

I'm one of the felines Janette rescued for which I am so grateful.

I never knew how it felt to be loved until I chose Jason for my forever care-taker. Jason



finally recognized I belonged with him and our lives merged. Aren't we handsome?

I love being around all Jason's friends and feel confident enough to climb into a new lap! For play, I love my bird and pushing toy balls around — the



noisier the better! At first I wasn't sure about the laser pointer, but now I'm a fan. I also enjoy watching the birds outside the windows. Life is simply "p u r r f e c t".

Slippery Soup™ / Slippery Elm Tea

by Dr. Michele Yasson, DVM



Slippery Elm



Slippery Elm Bark



Meows to You!

I'm Buddy and at age thirteen I experience some joint stiffness and pain. Creak-Away helps increase my range of motion and therefore improves my mood which makes everyone much happier!



Cammellia

Dr. Michele Yasson offers this information regarding Slippery Soup™ / Slippery Elm Tea: "I use this herb more than any other in my practice! It provides *superb* relief, and has kept many patients from hospitalization. It is a soothing nutritive herb which is perfectly suited for sensitive or inflamed mucous membrane linings in the digestive system. The bark contains mucilage and tannins that acts as a demulcent, emollient, protectorate, and astringent. This herb makes a huge difference, is easy to make and has a very bland taste."

Slippery Soup™ Preparation and Administration: You can find the herb in a dry powder form in capsules, as dried leaf in tea bags, or as loose dried leaf in the "bulk" products section of many health food stores. Any of these forms will do. Do not use the tincture (which already comes as a liquid in a dropper bottle). It may help in a few cases but it will not have all the healing physical properties of the

brewed tea. The same goes for mixing the dried herb directly into the food. It will not give all the benefits of the brewed tea.

Simple Tea Method. You'll prepare this medication just like a tea you might drink yourself. First, put a heaping teaspoon of dried herb in a coffee mug, and add 8-12 oz of boiling water or diluted broth. Allow to cool. *If using capsules*, open them up, discarding the shells, and note that it may take a bit less to get good results.

Long-Brew Method. To get more out of your supply or to create a thicker medicine use the same amounts of herb and water listed above and simmer for 10-20 minutes.

The resultant liquid, once cooled, should be **somewhat thicker than water**. If it is as thin as water double the dry herb amount next time, or try the long-brew method. If it is thick like jelly, that's fine. You can use half of the dosages listed below. Do not worry about any loose herb in the liquid. It does not have

to be filtered out. This infusion or decoction will keep for about 5 days in the fridge. Add the liquid to the **food** at meal-times, or add to the **water bowl**, or give as a **treat**. The goal is **4 times per day**, but even once daily will provide some relief.

Dosages: Cats and Dogs under 25 lbs 1-2 Tablespoons, Dogs 25-50 lbs 2-4 Tablespoons, Dogs 50 lbs and ¼ to ½ cup.

Slippery Elm is a **very safe herb**. It can literally be a life saver by preventing dehydration from continued vomiting or diarrhea. It is virtually impossible to overdose, and it can be used for extended periods of time. **However, if you find your pet needs this treatment for several weeks and the symptoms still reappear when you attempt to wean off or discontinue, this is a sign of significant chronic disease and you should seek professional veterinary care.**

Read the entire article at www.holvet.net
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Featured Spirit Essence

Spirit Essences are the first and only line of essence remedies formulated by a veterinarian and an animal behaviorist. Spirit Essences provide a safe, effective, natural way to help your animal companions lead healthier and happier lives!

These formulas are designed to heal the mental and emotional imbalances, which if left untreated, manifest in the

physical body causing specific behaviors/conditions.

"Creak-Away" is this month's featured Spirit Essence.

"Creak-Away" remedy is for arthritis or other movement problems, to help maintain balance and remove the underlying stuck energy patterns that contribute to stiff-

ness in the joints.

The formulas are easy to use and can be administered topically, orally, placed in the water dish, or used as a spray in the environment.

Check out all the Spirit Essences!
www.spiritessence.com
www.littlebigcat.com

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Presenting Cammellia

My beauty came from my mother, Callee. In April I'll celebrate my 2nd birthday. I was born at Purrfect Paws and live with my Mother, Father and Brother in the "Family Room". My other two siblings were adopted and I'm looking forward to finding a forever home. It would be wonderful if the

rest of my family could be adopted with me.

I may appear to be shy and reserved but once I get to know you lap sitting and loving is my game!

Check my schedule for an appointment to meet me and

my family.

I'm current on vaccinations, have been examined by a veterinarian & tested negative for FeLV/FIV.

Call **Purrfect Paws Today!**

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PETCO Foundation Turns Up the Heat

Frigid temperatures this season unearthed some needed improvements at Purrfect Paws. Keeping the indoor temperatures warm in areas not served by central heat was at times difficult. There



had to be a better, more efficient and less expensive way to maintain temperatures. After investigating different heaters Purrfect Paws composed a letter of inquiry for funds to purchase two heating units which would better maintain

temperatures. The letter was submitted to several organizations.

The PETCO Foundation responded with an approval of the letter of inquiry which allowed Purrfect Paws to complete the grant application for support.

Purrfect Paws has been informed

the grant has been approved for the purchase of two heating units.

Purrfect Paws is very grateful for the PETCO Foundation support.



FELINE ACNE

By Jean Hofve, DVM

You may see your cat rubbing his chin against the furniture or other corners more than usual. You might notice little black specks around



your cat's lips or chin (especially in a cat with a light-colored face), or you might not have a clue until you see an oozing abscess draining from the jaw. Often the chin will become lumpy with "pimples."

Feline acne generally involves a bacterial infection. Other conditions that can cause similar-appearing conditions include skin mites, ringworm, yeast infection, or auto-immune diseases such as eosinophilic granuloma complex ("rodent ulcers"). Therefore, if you do notice something going on in

the chin area, a trip to the veterinarian's office is your best bet to make sure the problem is not more serious than a few zits!

One common cause/contributor to the problem is use of **plastic** food bowls. Plastic is porous, and bacteria can lodge in the crevices. The bacteria remain there, safe and inaccessible even to the dishwasher. When kitty goes in for that last kibble, the contact between the chin and the bowl allows these bacteria to infect the cat's skin. Brushed stainless steel and aluminum can also harbor bacteria (as well as an electrical charge that can give your cat a static zing!). Often, simply switching to glass or ceramic (smooth non-lead glaze) bowls resolves the problem. Straight-sided ramekin-type bowls seem to do very well in preventing the problem. Of course, all food and water bowls should be washed daily in hot, soapy water or dishwasher!

Dry cat food, with its coating of oil and normal surface bacteria, seems to be a much bigger problem in the acne department than canned food. If you must feed dry food, it's best to limit it to timed meal feedings of 30-60 minutes. You can wash the cat's chin after each meal to minimize the problem. Treatment of feline acne depends on the severity. If it's mild – just a few blackheads or specks of dark skin discharge – washing the area daily with dilute antiseptic soap such as chlorhexidine (non-dental brands like Hibiclens or Nolvasan) or iodine (Betadine) until it's cleared up, is just fine. (Both of these products are available at most grocery stores, and certainly at drug stores.) Since cats may not enjoy these washings, you may not get a chance to rinse, so be sure the soap is VERY dilute! Betadine in particular can be very irritating to the skin if your soapy water is too strong. A

weak tea color is good for Betadine; very pale pink or blue for chlorhexidine soaps. Do NOT use "antibacterial" hand soap; it will leave too much residue. Detergent dish soap is far too strong and will damage the skin. If the condition is more severe your veterinarian will want to clip the chin area to help keep it clean. She may also prescribe other treatments, such as topical or systemic antibiotics,

or a stronger soap such as benzoyl peroxide. Warm plain water or Epsom salt compresses can be used for draining abscesses.



Read the entire article at www.littlebigcat.com

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PETCO Flashes for Purrfect Paws

This year PETCO sponsored the event 'Photos with Santa' as part of the Tree of Hope program.

A check representing a percentage of funds raised from that holiday event was presented to Purrfect Paws.

Tree of Hope is the PETCO Foundation's annual holiday fundraising campaign and

continues to be the largest source of revenue for the Foundation and the many local groups it assists.

Donations collected in stores during Tree of Hope and its associated events go directly to animal welfare groups in the areas the donations are made so that they may continue their work in making better lives for animals

through adoption, spay/neuter, and training.

The recipient animal welfare organizations are selected by each of the 1,000 PETCO stores. Each store chooses up to two of PETCO Foundation Charitable Partners per store. In this way, donations collected stay in the local community.

Purrfect Paws thanks Dawn

Nguyen, PETCO manager, and the staff for their determination and efforts to improve the lives of animals.



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Monday, May 17 through Sunday, August 22.

to vote for us.

Thank you for your help. Don't forget to vote every day!

Purrfect Paws, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization with the goal of feline placement with appropriate committed caretakers. The holistic sanctuary provided by Purrfect Paws for unwanted, abandoned, and abused felines is a cage free environment and has been approved by the State of Kansas as an official animal shelter. Felines are assessed prior to and upon entry for emotional, physical, and nutritional needs. They are examined by a veterinarian, tested for Feli/FIV, vaccinated, and, at the appropriate time, spayed/neutered. Nutritional needs are met through all natural and organic food products. Purrfect Paws draws from a wide variety of Holistic services to meet specific needs resulting from transitions, emotional, sexual, and physical abuse as well as individual physical conditions. Holistic services that have been effectively used in enhancing the positive traits of each feline include: Homeopathy, Spirit Essence Therapy, Reiki Energy Therapy, Massage, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Pet Intuitive Readings, Emotional Freedom Technique, and Tellington Touch. Perhaps the most important ingredient in the rehabilitation of each feline is the loving home environment and the 24 hour daily attention provided.

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