



## Ask Johnny

### The 7 Deadly Viruses

- Panleukopenia
- Herpes Virus
- Calici virus
- Rabies
- Leukemia
- Feline Immuno-deficiency Virus (FIV)
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)

Which vaccines are recommended by Civic Feline Clinic? see page 2

## ✱ Cat Nip ✱ "the other weed" by Duke

*Catnip* is legal, non-toxic, non-addictive, low calorie and a lot of fun your cat. The best weed is either fresh, stored in the freezer or most commonly dried. So what makes us go crazy rolling, drooling or even hyperactive and aggressive with this stuff? The chemical is an oil present in stems, leaves and seeds called **Nepetalactone**. It is an olfactory stimulent and not a taste. The **vomerona-sal** organ (in the front of the roof of the mouth) absorbs the chemical and sends the message to the brain. (Cats are using this organ when they give that classic mouth open after sniffing something interesting.) No worries of overdosing, as the receptors must reset after about 15 minutes and it may take an hour for the excitement to begin again.



Not all cats have the gene to enjoy catnip. It is a dominant gene so only 10-30% of a population won't respond. Young kittens don't react until their receptors mature. Most cats in Australia don't have the gene so they drink beer. (True about the gene anyway matey!) Large cats also carry the gene so don't go to Africa with nip in your pipe.

Catnip is easy to grow but containers are recommended unless you want an entire yard of the weed...but maybe you could sell it or have all the strays hanging out stoned.

We carry the fresh and popular "nickel" bags and mice as well as fresh dried leaves. *So have some fun with your buddy.*

## *Lars Tiberius Morley*

August 1990- April 9,2011



Lars was born in Texas at an undisclosed location and uncertain date (as are many famous people). He picked Mr. Morley one day in 1995 and followed him home with his trademark megaphone purr. (Lars was named after a large blond blue eyed kid in Mr. Morley's kindergarten class.) One month later a similar looking cat showed up and claimed his brother and new home. Lars lived a full life until heart disease finally took him. He is survived by brother Bjorn and his human dad, grandparents and Auntie JJ. He is remembered for his lusty enthusiasm for fishy food, his utter disdain of store bought toys and his large purr. Rest in Peace Mighty Purrmeister.

*Civic Feline Clinic recognizes all beloved cats than have passed away and extends sympathy to those that have loved them so well.*

*send us your obituary: [felinedocs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:felinedocs@sbcglobal.net)*

## Vaccines for your Cat

**Panleukopenia (distemper):** a series of 3 vaccines for kittens, first year adult and then every 3 years. Prevents a life threatening illness of diarrhea, fever, sudden death and neurologic signs. Mostly seen in shelters and overcrowded unvaccinated cats.

**Feline Herpes Virus (FHV):** a serious upper respiratory virus causing chronic sinusitis, corneal ulcers and malnutrition by dulled sense of smell and poor appetite. Passed easily by grooming and sneezing. (vaccine combined with Panleuk vaccine)

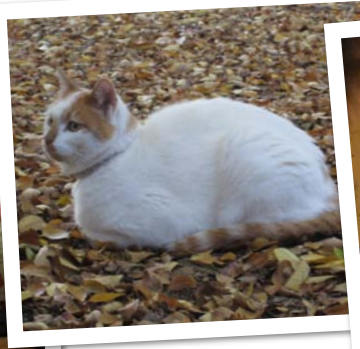
**Feline Calici Virus (FCV):** Similar to Herpes in respiratory signs but often will cause painful oral ulcers as well. Easily transmitted by grooming and airborne routes. Can survive many days on surfaces. If prolonged exposure vaccinated cats can still get the virus. (also combined with Panleuk vaccine.)

**Rabies Virus:** a fatal disease of the nervous system. *More frequently reported in the Cat than any other domestic animal!* Yearly vaccine recommended for all cats.

**Feline Leukemia Virus (FELV):** attacks immune system, lymphoma and anemia are the most common manifestations. Passed in saliva and in utero. (Not airborne) Recommended for kittens until lifestyle known. Risk/benefit evaluated in adults.

**FIV and FIP :** these vaccines are not considered beneficial by our doctors.

see your kitty in the mews? come get a bag of Greenies!



## Exotics



Dr. Thompson will see your snake, lizard or Bunny! Slither on down.



Topsy  
Turvy  
Raffle  
Time  
!  
Earl



Cats like Earl get the help they need when you buy a ticket to win our beautiful bountiful basket. Come see him and take him home. He is a lover and *purrrrr* machine.

Drawing July 4th... \$2 ticket or 10 for \$15.....purrrrr