

Mobile Cat Veterinarian

Do you and your cats dread visits to the cat veterinarian? Mobile cat veterinarians deliver cat health care right to your door.

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With the help of mobile cat veterinarian Shannon Stanek, VMD, of the Cats Only Veterinary Hospital in Norristown, Pa., Cleo no longer suffers when it's time for her cat health care examination. "She was a little nervous, but there were no blood-curdling screams," Cooper said. "This was much less stressful for her. Dr. Stanek was gentle with her and everything was fine."

Unlike Manning and Cooper, cat owner Kristin St. Aubyn of Mont Clare, Pa., does not have a cat that goes crazy in the office. Instead, she chose to use a mobile cat veterinarian for her two felines, Tabatha and Andrew, simply because they hate riding in the car. "My cats were fine once they got to the cat vet, but getting them there was a problem," she said. "Tabatha would hide under the bed as soon as she saw the carrier and we couldn't get her out. Andrew didn't mind getting in the carrier, but he didn't like riding in the car. He would yell until the moment we got into the exam room."

Now that St. Aubyn is using a mobile cat vet, the trauma has been eliminated. "When our mobile cat vet comes to the house, the cats have the attitude that she is a friend coming to visit them. She is really wonderful with the cats, and always tells Andrew how beautiful he is."

Cathy Blakesley of Foothill Ranch, Calif., started using a mobile veterinarian after Skittles, her black 9-year-old cat, became sick. "My regular cat vet couldn't see her until the next day, so I asked a friend for a referral and she told me about her mobile cat vet," Blakesley said. "It sounded like a good idea since my cats, like most others, don't like to go in the carrier."

Blakesley's other feline, Kitkat, was a good candidate for a visit by a mobile cat vet, since the carrier-phobic cat's feelings about traveling were anything but positive. "[Kitkat] was horrible in the carrier," Blakesley said. "She would urinate, defecate and vomit, and that's just the first five minutes! She was by far the more easygoing of the two cats at home, but because of how she reacted to the carrier, she was the one who got the most benefit from the mobile cat vet."

Meet the Vets

Mobile cat veterinarians are able to provide basic cat health care veterinary treatment, while some are equipped for more intense procedures.