

Mobile Cat Veterinarian

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

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The days I used to dread most were always the ones scheduled for my cat Simba's cat veterinary appointments. Each time I put the cat in a carrier to take her to the cat vet's office she turned into a murderous, screeching banshee of a cat.

Any cat vet who tried to touch Simba soon found 10 pounds of white fur hurling itself in his or her direction. Some cat vets reacted by putting Simba into a cat bag while others tried to muzzle her. Some prescribed a tranquilizer to be administered before the cat vet visit, and one even restrained her with a noose. But no matter what they did, Simba's fury would not be tamed.

Then Simba met her first mobile cat veterinarian. After 10 minutes with a mobile cat vet in the comfort and safety of her own home, Simba had been examined from head to toe with barely a growl in between.

Oh, the Terror!

For people with cats that are terror-stricken about going to the cat vet's office, mobile cat veterinarians seem to be heaven-sent. Whether your cat becomes a maniac at the cat vet's office, like Simba, or simply cries incessantly in the carrier, a visit from a mobile cat vet can be a blessing for your cats and you.

"Having my cat seen by a cat veterinarian was an ordeal," said Rebecca Manning of Morristown, Pa., who owns an 18-pound orange tabby cat named Hogan. "Hogan hates the vet. It is impossible to get him into his carrier without having a battle. When I would finally get him to the cat vet, his adrenaline would be so high that the cat vet couldn't even vaccinate him without having to anesthetize him first."

Hogan's misery prompted Manning to try a mobile cat veterinarian. "When the mobile cat vet came to the house to examine him, there was no trouble at all," she said. "He got his shots and everything was fine."

Similarly, Cleopatra, a blue-point Siamese, has serious reservations about going to the cat vet, said Lorraine Cooper of Plymouth Meeting, Pa. "The last time I took Cleo to the cat vet, she was so scared she was screaming," Cooper said. "It's hard for me to watch this. I felt like I was doing something horrible to my cat."