

Letters to the Editor: Purrs and Hisses

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Cat Lover for 51 years You put out a great magazine with very clear and understandable information on kitty and cat care. I have been the proud parent to many cats from age 8 weeks to 14 years. Each one came into my life at a time when I had time, love and need for something warm and cuddly. Cats are the best therapy for depression. I picked out my first kitten when I was 7 years old and I adopted my latest two entertainment-in-fur packages at age 58.

Keep up the good work.

Arlene Miles San Francisco, Calif.

Learn to Love Love Licks In response to the Love Licks question from Gary Broughman to Elaine Wexler-Mitchell, DVM, in the June issue, I can't imagine how anyone wouldn't know that cats lick affectionately. My cat Reggie groomed my face frequently as well as my hair. I miss his little sand paper tongue now that he is gone.

Elaine's advice blew me away. How rough can a cat's tongue be? To deprive Stella of her expression of affection is unkind and selfish. Shutting her out of your bedroom is just downright mean.

My response to Gary is: Chill out. Enjoy Stella's affection and don't call 911 when she licks your face and the tip of your nose. Learn to live with her as cats learn to live with us. Read the article about Dennis C. Turner, Ph.D., about bonding, which is also in the June issue.

Lucija Jovanovic Via email

Tips to Prevent Pet Loss Regarding your article, Let's See Some ID, in the July issue, here are some tips to share with your readers to help them find their cats if they are lost and to prevent them from becoming lost.

1. Put Lost cat, please call now, with your phone number on the tag instead of names on your cats ID tags. Names aren't as important as making sure whoever finds your cat contacts you immediately.
2. Use a larger sized tag to fit larger letters. This makes it easier for people to read.
3. Get an unusual colored collar. A florescent pink collar is easier to spot than a dull brown.
4. Buy an elastic or break-away collar so the cat doesn't get hurt. Although the article stated that cats cannot be strangled from their collars, unusual accidents can happen, so it's better to prevent them.
5. If you put up flyers about your lost pet, place your phone number multiple times as tabs on the bottom of them. That way someone can rip off a tab with your phone number on it rather than having to write it down when they may not have access to a pen and paper.
6. Consider investing in a fencing system to keep your cats in your yard.

Kim Troedsson Minneapolis, Minn.

New Subscriber Comments I am a new (two months) subscriber to CAT FANCY and I enjoy the magazine very much. We have had our first kitty for a little more than two years and I wish that I had subscribed earlier. The features and articles are so interesting because the cat world is still new to me.

Sondra Jacobs Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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