

Low-Stress Cat Visits

Does your feline friend run and hide when it's time to go to the vet? Does she hate being at the vet because of all the strange sights and smells? If so, you're not alone. Thousands of cats hate being pulled from their comfort zone and going to the vet, which then causes their owners to skip these visits. The team at AniMed Animal Hospital wants to help solve this problem so cats can get the healthcare they need. This is why we are pursuing certification as Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP).

What Is a Cat Friendly Practice?

Realizing the unique needs of cats, feline practitioners of the AAFP created the Cat Friendly Practice® program to meet these needs. The goal of this program is to make veterinary visits less stressful for cats as well as their owners. As a CFP practice, an animal hospital typically:

- Creates a calming environment for cats
- Has a waiting area that's designed to reduce stress
- Has as a cat-only waiting area and/or treatment room
- Has staff members who are trained to understand feline-specific behaviors
- Implements handling guidelines that are feline-friendly
- Uses synthetic feline facial pheromones to create a calming effect
- Has staff members who stay updated on the latest news and information related to feline medicine
- Tailors its services to meet cats' unique needs

For a full list of the benefits of taking your cat to a Cat Friendly Practice®, visit the AAFP's website at catvets.com.

AniMed Animal Hospital regularly takes extra steps to demonstrate that we have implemented feline-friendly standards so your cat can have a more pleasant veterinary visit. If you'd like to learn more about what you and your cat can expect at our Cat Friendly Practice®, give us a call at 816-220-0222.