

THIS MONTH'S ADOPTION WARD DUO

Chloe and Henry are lifelong buddies that would like to stay together. They already lost their home, but they aren't going to lose each other.

Chloe is a 4-year-old, female, spayed calico who has all her vaccines. She loves food, laps, and telling you all about her day.

Henry is a 5-year-old, neutered male brown tabby with a white shirt and leggings. He's had all his vaccines and loves to ride around on your shoulder.

They are up for adoption through Northwest Animal Companions for \$150.



Parasite Spotlight: Toxoplasmosis

Is your cat a hunter? Cats who catch rodents and birds are most commonly exposed to a parasite called toxoplasmosis and can shed oocysts in their litter box for up to 3 weeks.

While cats don't usually show signs that they're infected, this parasite can be devastating to a fetus or anyone immune-compromised, potentially causing brain damage, blindness, and dementia.

Do you have to get rid of the cat? Heavens no! Here are a few ways to protect yourself and your loved ones from Toxoplasmosis:

- 1.) Clean the litter boxes daily-Oocysts are not infective in the first 24 hours after they are passed.
- 2.) Wash litter boxes regularly with scalding hot water or steam.
- 3.) Keep cats indoors where they can't hunt.
- 4.) Wash your hands after handling undercooked meat and after cleaning litter boxes.
- 5.) Consider wearing gloves when cleaning litter boxes.
- 6.) Keep your children's sandboxes covered.
- 7.) Allow only non-pregnant people with uncompromised immune systems to clean litter boxes.

Practicing good hygiene and taking a common sense approach to handling the litter boxes will keep you from having to worry about this parasite!





We did it! Viking Veterinary Care is proud to announce we have earned our **Gold Standard Feline Friendly Practice Certification** through the American Association of Feline Practitioners!

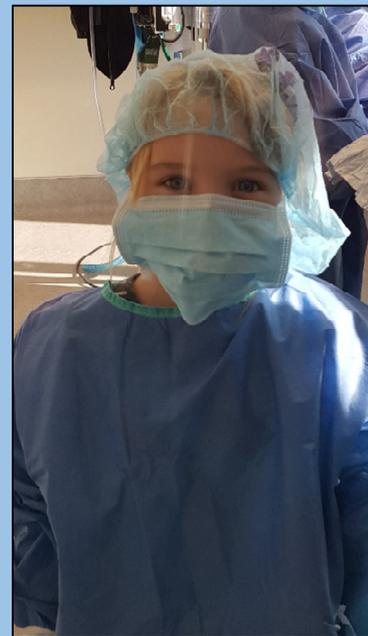
This means our hospital has done everything possible to become a low-stress place for our feline friends to come. To find out more information about what goes into this certification, check out

<http://www.catvets.com/cfp/cat-owners>



Thank you to everyone who came to our Open House and congratulations to all who won a gift basket in our raffle!

Our guests enjoyed cupcakes while touring the hospital, watching a Class IV Therapy Laser demonstration, and learning what we do to be a Fear-Free Hospital.



Kids got to take part in our Doctor for the Day program. They reviewed a case and x-rays with a doctor, then prepped for surgery, and removed a foreign object from a (stuffed) patient.



Puppy Play Day

Every Saturday through the month of November, we will be offering Puppy Play Day from 10am to 11am. Puppies must have had an exam, at least one vaccine, a negative fecal, and a deworming to participate for \$10.

Puppy Play Day is to create another positive association between your puppy and the vet hospital, provide a safe venue for your puppy to socialize with others, and most of all to have fun!