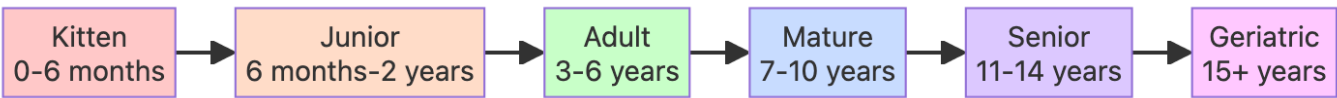


Complete Guide to Cat Care

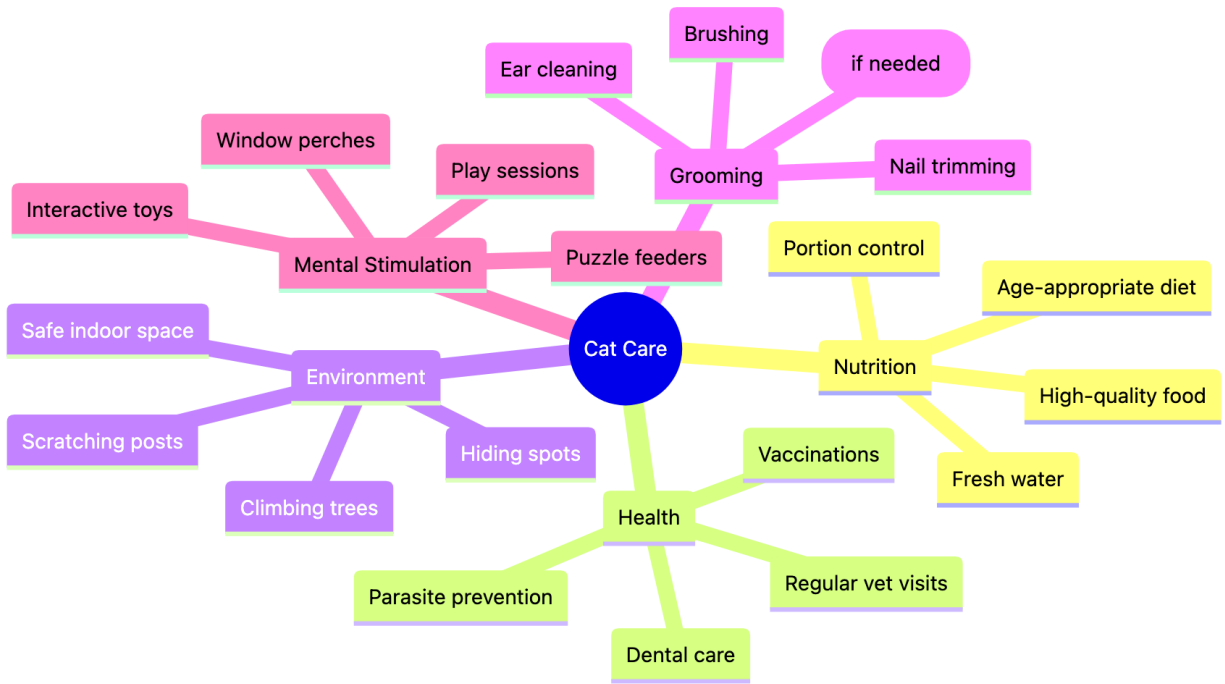
Introduction

Cats make wonderful companions, bringing joy and comfort to millions of homes worldwide. This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know about caring for your feline friend, from basic needs to advanced health management.

Cat Life Stages

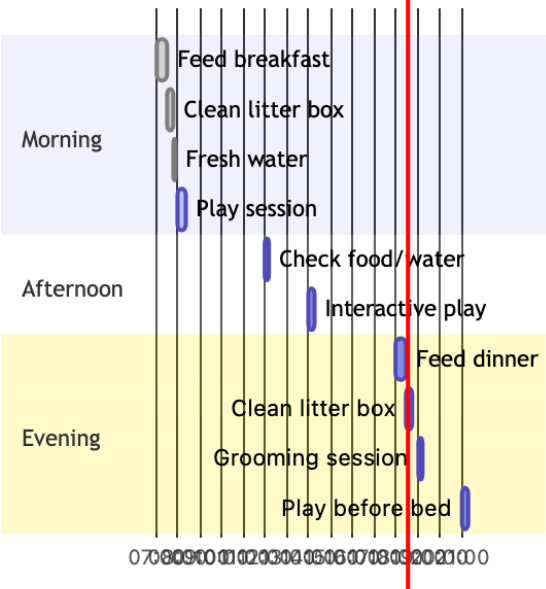


Essential Cat Care Components



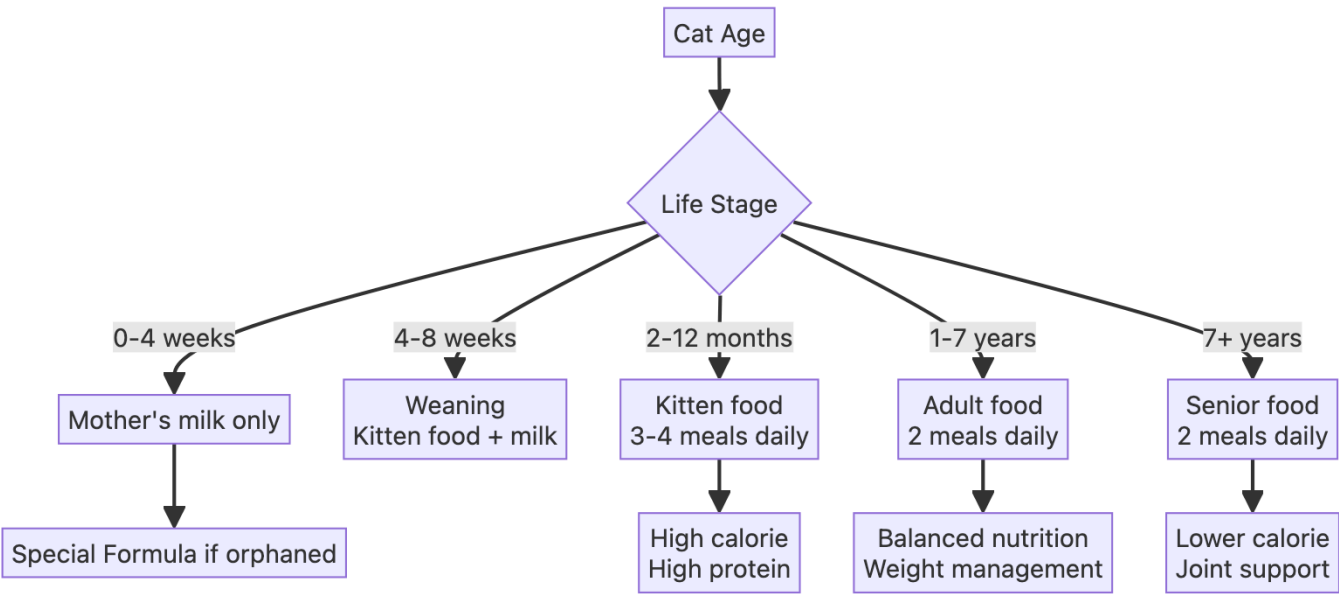
Daily Care Routine

Daily Cat Care Schedule



Nutrition Guidelines

Feeding Requirements by Age



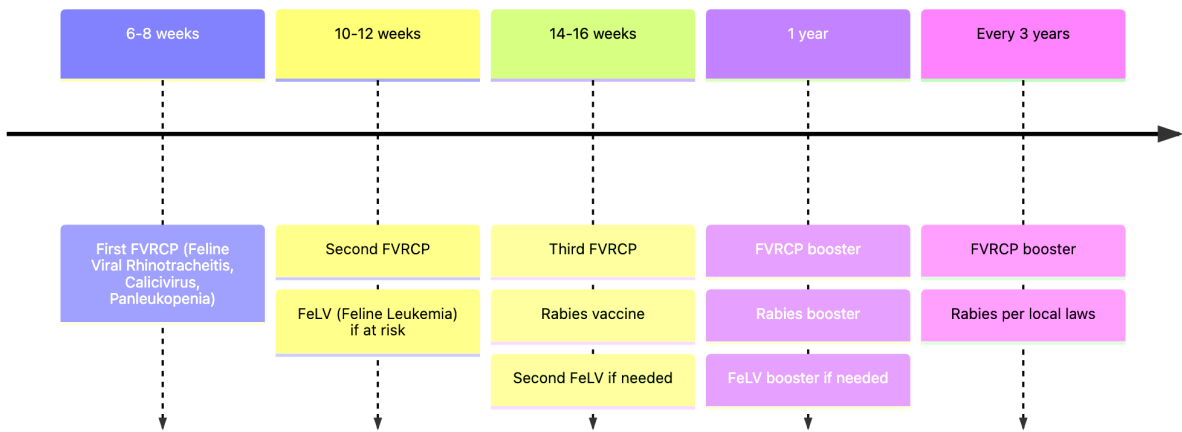
Water Intake

- Cats need approximately 3.5-4.5 ounces of water per 5 pounds of body weight daily
- Fresh water should be available at all times
- Consider a water fountain to encourage drinking
- Wet food provides additional hydration

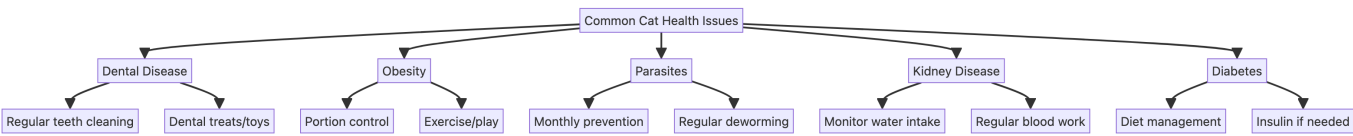
Health Management

Vaccination Schedule

Core Vaccination Timeline for Cats

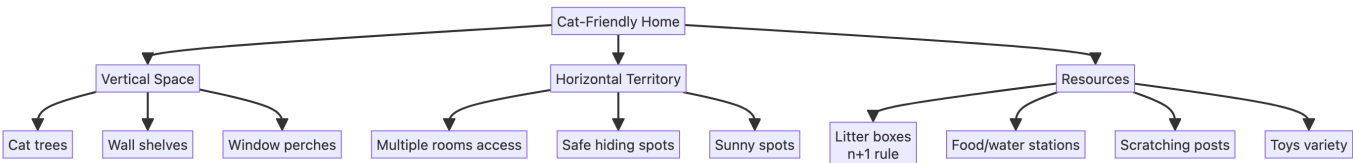


Common Health Issues



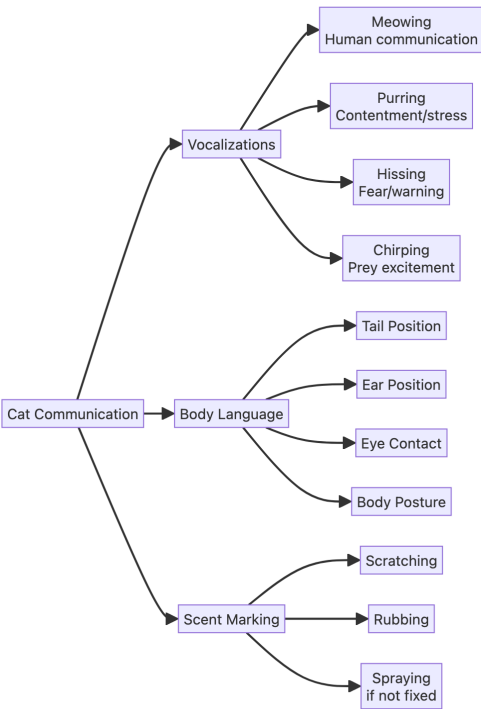
Environmental Enrichment

Indoor Cat Setup



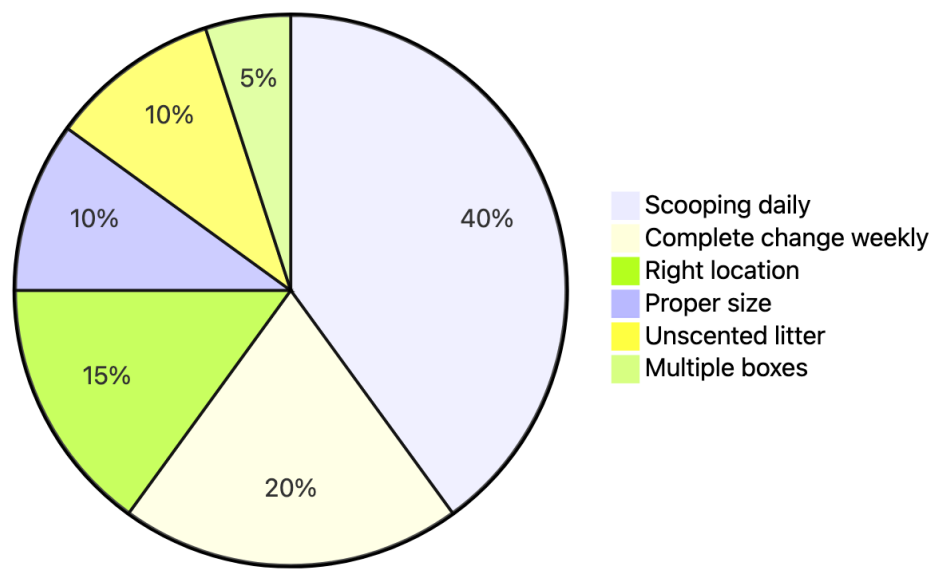
Behavior and Training

Understanding Cat Communication



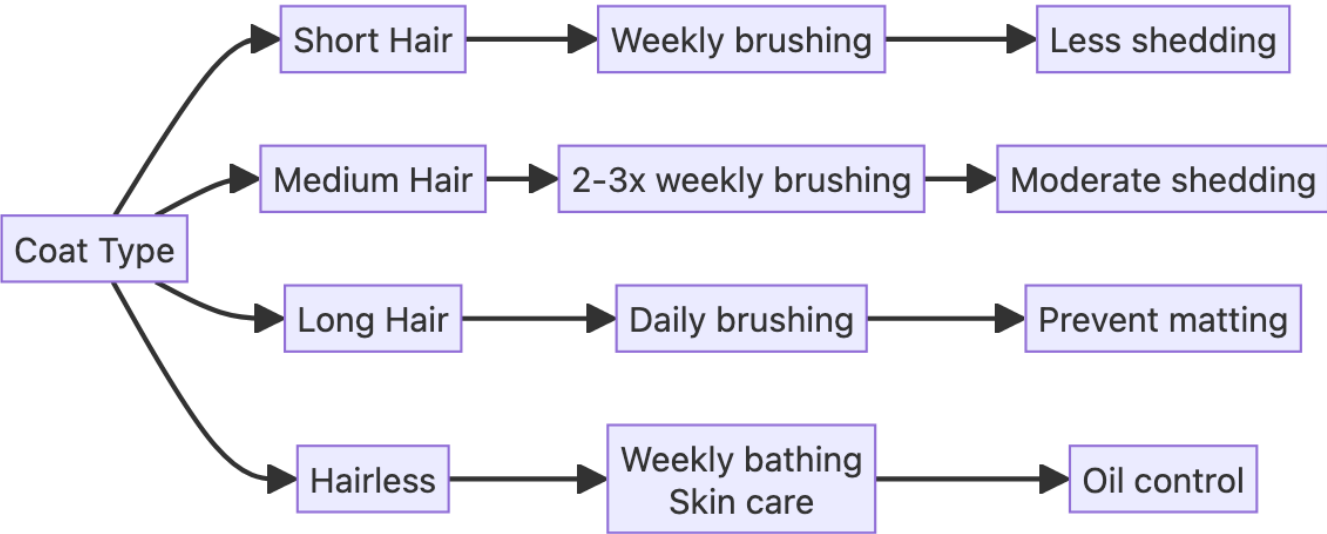
Litter Box Management

Litter Box Best Practices



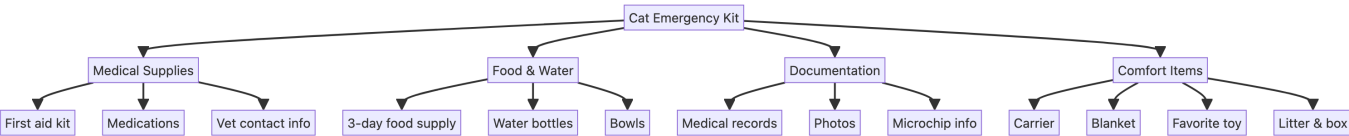
Grooming Needs

Grooming Frequency by Coat Type

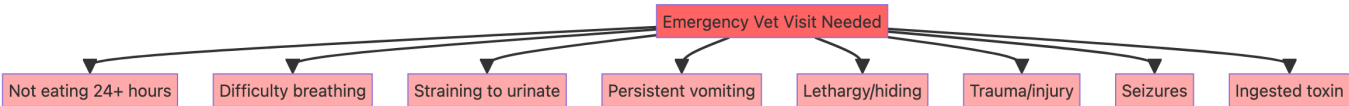


Emergency Preparedness

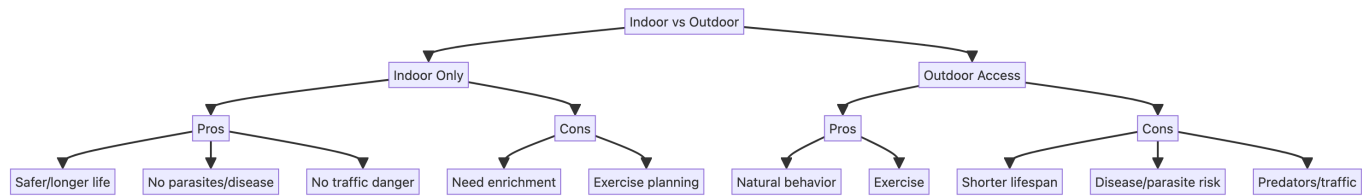
Emergency Kit Checklist



Warning Signs - When to See a Vet

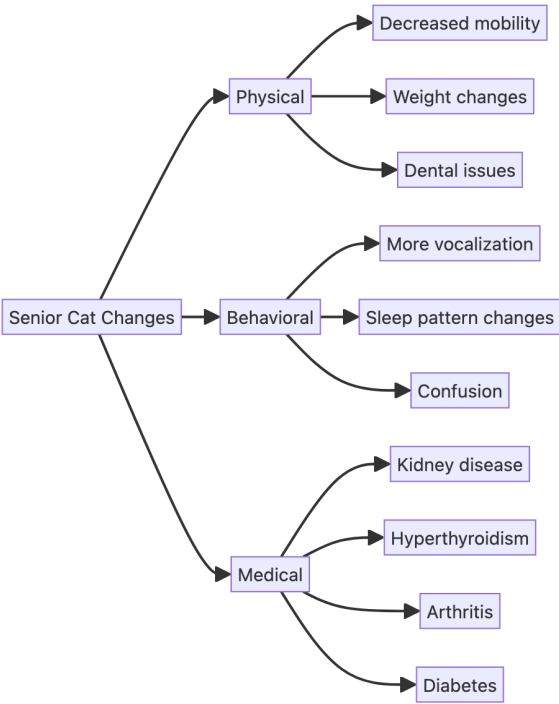


Indoor vs Outdoor Considerations

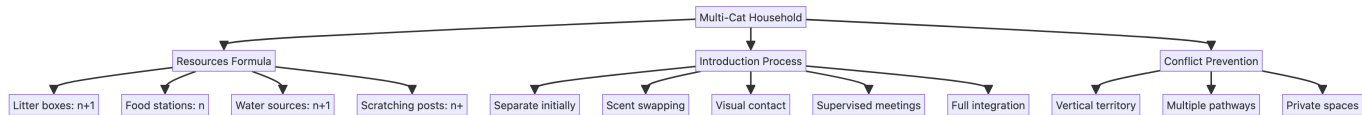


Senior Cat Care

Age-Related Changes

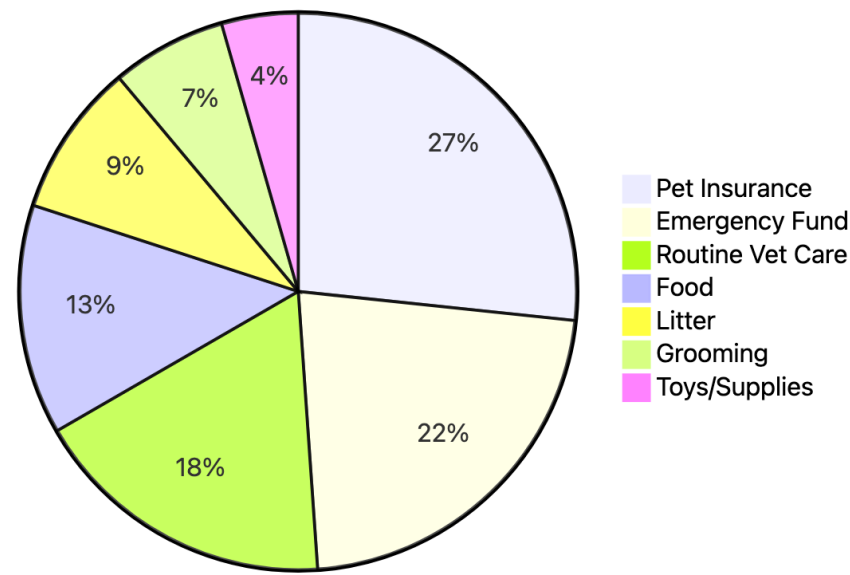


Multi-Cat Household Management

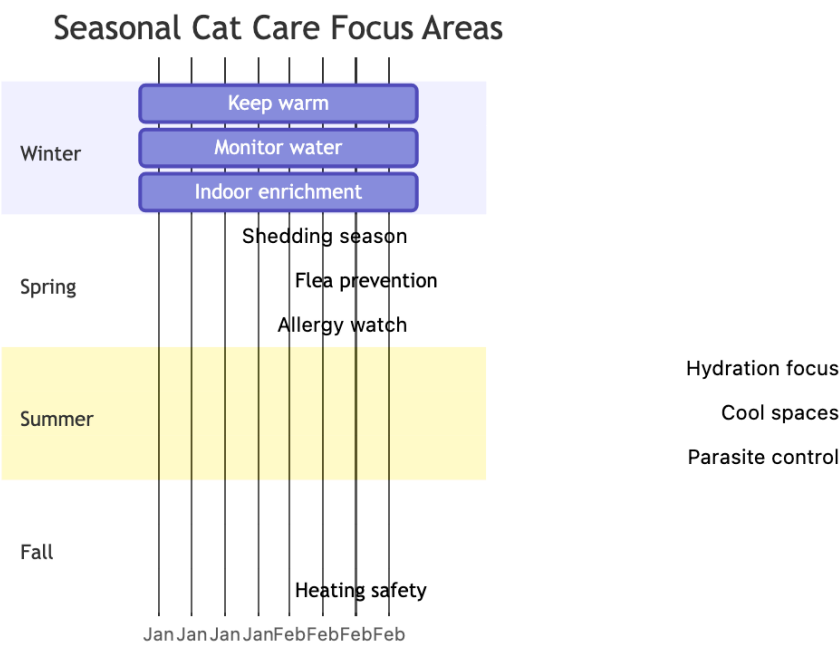


Cost of Cat Ownership

Annual Cat Care Expenses (Average)



Seasonal Care Considerations



Conclusion

Caring for a cat is a rewarding responsibility that requires attention to their physical, mental, and emotional needs. By following this comprehensive guide and maintaining regular veterinary care, you can ensure your feline companion lives a long, healthy, and happy life.

Remember that every cat is unique, and what works for one may not work for another. Pay attention to your cat's individual preferences and needs, and don't hesitate to consult with your veterinarian for personalized advice.

Quick Reference Contact List

- **Emergency Vet:** [Your local 24-hour emergency clinic]
- **Regular Veterinarian:** [Your vet's contact information]
- **ASPCA Poison Control:** 1-888-426-4435

- **Local Animal Control:** [Your local number]
 - **Pet Insurance:** [Your provider's information]
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This guide serves as a general reference. Always consult with a qualified veterinarian for specific health concerns or medical advice regarding your cat.