

## **For Immediate Press Release**

### **Cat Friendly Veterinary Practices Are the Cat's Meow**

**The American Association of Feline Practitioners Welcomes Compassionate Care Veterinary Hospital to the Cat Friendly Practice Program**

**Berlin-** Cats are purring their way into the hearts and homes of the American public. The cat is king, with more than 86 million cats loved as pets, compared to 78 million dogs. With the number of people choosing cats steadily increasing, the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) has initiated a program to improve the health care and overall well-being of the growing feline population. A Cat Friendly Practice (CFP) is committed to learning ways to make the visit more pleasant for your cats and to help you learn ways that you can contribute also. A Cat Friendly Practice has adapted an environment that is less stressful to cats and meets the cat's unique needs. The staff at the practice is aware of ways they can interact and handle your cat so that examinations and procedures will be less stressful. A Cat Friendly Practice also values your contribution to your cat's healthcare plan and will make every effort to help you understand your cats' needs and help you learn what you can do at home to ensure that they get the care they need. Compassionate Care Veterinary Hospital, LLC is proud to announce that it is recognized by the AAFP as a Cat Friendly Practice. This is a distinction held by only 4 other veterinary hospitals in the state of Connecticut.

#### **Why cat friendly?**

"There is a tremendous recognition that while cats are the largest percentage of companion animals in homes, their wellness visits and other types of veterinary care are much lower than for dogs," said Dr. Elizabeth J. Colleran, AAFP Past-president. The association pioneered the Cat Friendly Practice program to provide a framework for creating a positive practice environment for cats, including medical care that supports the cat's unique needs, and knowledgeable staff members who understand feline friendly handling. The Cat Friendly Practice program was created to improve the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare of cats. Its purpose is to equip veterinary practices with the tools, resources, and information to elevate the standard of care for cats.

#### **Compassionate Care Veterinary Hospital**

"We are committed to providing quality care to our patients. When we heard about AAFP's Cat Friendly Practice Program, we knew we wanted to incorporate it into our hospital protocol. We want to make the veterinary visit more positive for the cats and cat owners," said Christine Puskaric veterinarian and owner of Compassionate Care Veterinary Hospital. "We evaluated every aspect of the practice and its environment

from the perspective of the cat. We can proudly say that from the minute they walk through the door, our patients and clients will be part of a welcoming, comfortable experience that will ultimately lead to the improved health of our feline patients.”

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