

Interesting Case

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Lucy and her Lungworms



Lucy looking sprightly after her treatment and recovery from a lungworm infection

At 16 weeks old, Lucy was a happy and healthy playful little kitten. At 17 weeks old, Lucy was no longer happy or healthy. Lucy visited the Veterinary Centre after developing a nasty cough and becoming very lethargic. When the vet saw her, Lucy had very loud, rattly lungs and was breathing faster than normal. Lucy was hospitalised for a few days and received intensive treatment for lungworms. Within a few days she was improving and within a week Lucy was back to her energetic mischievous self.

Lungworm is most commonly seen in kittens and can be seen in older or immunocompromised cats as well. Cats become infected when they eat rodents, birds, lizards, slugs, and snails. The worms travel from the intestines to the lungs where they can cause severe disease and can sometimes even be fatal.

Not all worm treatments are effective against lungworm! With lots of Tiny Tigers going out into the world it is very important to stay on top of parasite control and while they are still young, making sure you are treating for lungworm is essential.

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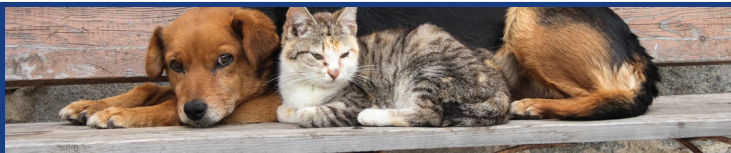
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Your human may notice you slowing down, not playing, climbing, jumping, grooming like you used to, perhaps not making it to the toilet in time and being more irritable than usual. The good news is that arthritis can be managed successfully with appropriate treatment and simple changes to your environment or diet. If you're feeling sore then get your human to bring you in to see one of my vets about a treatment plan today! (Check out www.catswitharthritis.com)

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.....Cotton



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