



# Pet Care NOTES



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## PREVENTING EAR DISEASES IN CATS

Ear disease in cats is common. It's important to pay attention to the look of your cat's ears, as well as to how the cat is acting toward its ears. A cat that is scratching its ear a lot or whose ear emits an unpleasant odor most likely has some form of ear disease. A discharge coming from the ear, or a cat that is leaning its head to one side and appears uncomfortable are also indications that the cat probably has some kind of ear disease. Allergies, parasites, and yeast are three common causes of ear disease. Ear diseases in cats are treatable, but to determine the necessary medication, the cat needs to see a veterinarian.

When your pet exhibits signs of ear distress, don't wait for the problem to resolve itself. Call your veterinarian immediately. The faster a diagnosis is made and treatment begun, the better the chances are of a speedy, successful recovery. You are in the best position to tell if your pet is not acting normally, while we're the ones to see for an accurate assessment and treatment. For more information, to schedule an appointment, or for archived articles, please visit our website. Don't forget to keep the holiday turkey bones away from dogs and cats. Bones are easily splintered when chewed by a hungry pet and can cause choking.

***P.S. Approximately 2% to 6% of hospital admissions for cats are due to ear infections.***

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