



May 2021 Report

We're "Springing into Action" in May

Nearly 400 million cats bring joy to their human companions across the world, and although cat ownership continues to grow, health research for cats remains underfunded compared to many other animals. Together we can change that.

Join us by springing into action this May and advancing feline health studies that benefits my cat, your cat, pedigree

cats, shelter cats, community cats - every cat! Your financial contribution makes our vital work possible. And, thanks to the collective passion for cats and personal dedication of our EveryCat team, up to \$100 of the gift you give today will be matched!!

<https://everycat.salsalabs.org/mayappeal2021/index.html>

May Webinars

We have 2 great webinars planned for May.

Join us on May 20th, 2021 at 1:00 pm EDT for "If You Have a Cat, Thank EveryCat: Always WINning for Cats". Members of the Board of Directors will be discussing who EveryCat Health Foundation is, where we've been and where we're going in the name of advancing feline health. Speakers include Dr. Drew Weigner, President of EveryCat, Jackie Ott Jaackola, Executive Director, Dr. Vicki Thayer, Director Emeritus, and Vickie Fisher, President-Elect, among others. Hear about the advances that have been made in FIP, genetics and HCM, for example, because of EveryCat funding. Reserve your seat today!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6457758759088960523>

Join us on May 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm EDT for "Starting Strong: Nutrition for Your Kitten", a webinar with Kara M. Burns, MS, M.Ed, LVT, VTS (Nutrition), VTS-H (Internal Medicine, Dentistry). The post weaning period through the first year of life is a critical time for development. It is important for the veterinary team, cat fancier, and the pet owner to provide a strong nutritional foundation to help to support the growth and development of the kitten throughout this demanding period. This presentation will review the nutritional assessment, the key nutrients for a healthy kitten, and how to feed to achieve healthy growth, optimize trainability and immune function, and minimize obesity.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5464512731666729487>

Save the Date!! June 9th and June 23rd for the June webinars! Watch for more information!

Miller Trust Grant Request for Proposals

Grant proposals are now being accepted for the Miller Trust grant cycle. For more information and grant guidelines, please visit <https://everycat.org/the-latest/grants/open-grant-rfps/>

EveryCat Health Foundation 2021 Grant Awards Announcement

EveryCat Health Foundation is pleased to announce the award of thirteen groundbreaking feline medical research grants totaling \$304,100.

Grant proposals are submitted from around the world. A panel of international experts carefully reviewed and rated

67 proposals before meeting with and presenting their recommendations to the EveryCat Board on March 12, 2021

Information about these grant awards is [available here](#).

Photos Requested for FIP Guidelines

You can help educate about FIP

Photo images of FIP cases of effusive and non-effusive disease are needed for FIP Guidelines on diagnosis through the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and EveryCat Health Foundation. The Guidelines are primarily aimed at veterinarians to help give them tools to make a correct diagnosis, and hopefully less under or over diagnosing the disease. They will show veterinarians the different ways FIP expresses itself.

Photos which are 300 dpi or larger and 1 MB and higher are preferred.

Photo credit will be given (or withheld -photo submission need not be personally identified if you wish to remain anonymous) to those who participate in this particularly important publication. Everyone interested in participating must fill out the [photo authorization form](#) and send it with their images to thayv@aol.com by June 15, 2021.

-Vicki L. Thayer DVM, DABVP (feline)

Tax Tips with George Eigenhauser, Esq.

The recent "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement" (SECURE) Act made several changes to Individual Retirement Account (IRA) required annual distributions. Prior to the SECURE Act, taxpayers with IRAs had to begin taking required minimum distributions (RMD) by age 70 1/2 to avoid penalties. The SECURE Act raised the age for required minimum distributions (RMD) from 70 1/2 to 72 years of age. Distributions from a traditional IRA are often taxable. However, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to a qualified charity by which you may satisfy the distribution requirement. By having your trustee transfer funds directly from an IRA to

an eligible charity the amounts transferred count toward your RMD but are not subject to taxation. A QCD won't be part of your taxable income so you DO NOT need to itemize your taxes to take advantage of the rule. Up to \$100,000 a year may be transferred tax-free from your IRA directly to charitable organizations. However, although the RMD age was raised to 72, donors 70 ½ years of age or older at the time of distribution may still take advantage of a QCD. *[NOTE: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act waived any RMDs for 2020 but that waiver has not been extended into 2021.]* For more information, please see IRS Publication 590 B.