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CARRIERS, VETERINARY CLINICS AND YOUR CAT

There are lots of reasons to bring your cat to our office in a carrier. Our concerns are for your safety as well as your cat's.

You can be seriously injured while holding a cat in your arms if it should become upset. The sights and smells of a veterinary clinic can produce a lot of stress and there is always the potential for a cat to become agitated. When cats become frightened, they frequently become aggressive.

The proper type of carrier can help give your cat a safe haven during any travel or vet experience. Cats like to hide out in a sheltered space while still being able to see what is going on around them. The plastic carriers with a grate door seem to work the best. In addition, we can unscrew the top of the carrier and have access to the kitty with much less stress than having to pull them through a door.

Controlling your cat's exposure to other cats that are ill is another good reason to have your cat confined. Many times people will bring a cat that they are holding right up to the face of another cat. Cats aren't very fond of this kind of introduction. Keeping cats away from each other and off the floor will help to decrease their stress and exposure to illness.

Once your cat is in the exam room, let us take your kitty from the carrier and do all the handling. Even the sweetest cat at home can become frightened and subsequently aggressive at the vets. That's actually what they are supposed to do, given the circumstances. We expected a certain amount of anxiety and are prepared to modify our actions depending on the signals that your cat sends us to make the visit be as quick and well tolerated as possible.

We hope that this information will help you understand some of the reasons for the requests that we make. They are made with your safety in mind as well as that of your cat.