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Birmingham veterinary hospital addresses pet end-of-life choices in workshop series starting May 16

Hospital launches Michigan's first pet hospice

Birmingham Michigan, May 1, 2012 – Pets are living longer, just like people, due to better nutrition and advancements in medical care. But for pet families, this means facing sometimes difficult end-of-life decisions when Fluffy or Fido get old, have a serious illness or just need help getting around.

To help pet owners prepare for caring for an aging pet, The Cat Practice will hold a four-part workshop series, ***Caring for Aging Kitties***, starting May 16. The series is part of a new hospice program being offered by The Cat Practice. Topics include: Caring for Geriatric Cats (May 16), Making End-of-Life Decisions (May 30) and Pet Hospice Care (June 13), and Pet Loss and Grieving (June 27). Speakers are veterinary hospice nurse Laura Kramek and psychologist Dr. Camille Greenwald. Donation is \$10 per workshop or \$25 for the series with proceeds going to The Cat Practice's Rufus Memorial Feline Fund for cats in need. To register, go to www.thecatpracticepc.com or call 248-540-3390.



While The Cat Practice cares exclusively for feline patients, any pet owner is welcome and will benefit from the workshops.



“We are seeing cats living 20 years and more,” says Kramek. “Conditions once considered untreatable – kidney failure, heart disease, diabetes, thyroid disease – can all be managed today. As more pets are being viewed as family members, their families are looking for alternatives to euthanasia while their pet still enjoys good quality of life.”