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Behaviour problems in cats

Behaviour problems in cats include behaviours that owners find objectionable, such as house soiling and aggression, as well as abnormal behaviours associated with stress or disease. As behavioural problems are a common reason for relinquishment or euthanasia of cats, resolving these problems has important welfare implications.

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- **House soiling:** Urinating or defaecating outside the litterbox is a common behavioural problem for which cat owners seek assistance from veterinarians.
House soiling by cats: two case studies with contrasting behavioural diagnoses and treatment approaches.
Companion Animal, 2018
Common risk factors for urinary house soiling (periuria) in cats and its differentiation: the sensitivity and specificity of common diagnostic signs.
Frontiers in Veterinary Science, 2018
- **Signs of pain and disease:** A change in behaviour may indicate that an animal is unwell, but recognizing pain in cats is not easy.
How do we know they hurt? Assessing acute pain in cats.
Veterinary Record, 2018
Measuring pain in dogs and cats using structured behavioural observation.
Veterinary Journal, 2018
- **Environmental requirements:** Keeping a cat in a suitable environment is important for minimizing stress and reducing the risk of behaviour problems.
Relationship among cat-owner bond, cat behaviour problems and cat environment conditions: a study with 1553 Spanish cat owners.
Proceedings of the 11th International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting, 2017
Evaluation of the relationship between cats and dogs living in the same home.
Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research, 2018
- **Treatment of behaviour problems:** In addition to behavioural therapy, psychotropic medications and pheromone therapy are being trialled.
Tools for managing feline problem behaviors: pheromone therapy.
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, 2018
Advances in behavioral psychopharmacology.
Veterinary Clinics of North America, Small Animal Practice, 2018

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