



Brookside Barkery & Bath

Your Neighborhood Natural Pet Food Store
Self Service Pet Wash & Grooming

Keep Your Felines Fabulously Healthy and Happy

Where Have All the Healthy Cats Gone?

By Linda Faris, DVM, CVA, [Acupuncture & Herbs for Pets](#)

Cats used to be easy keepers. Down on the farm where I grew up, cats hunted mice, lay in the sun by the hay barn, and didn't have so many problems. What has happened to the cat population in the past few decades? Why are all the cats so sick?

Most of the cats I see in practice have allergies or some other chronic disease. They are either too fat or too skinny. Many of them throw up every day, have diarrhea or are constipated or alternate from one to the other. Some of them have a number of the above symptoms simultaneously. Chronic recurrent symptoms are more the norm now than the exception. As cats get older, they are more and more likely to become chronically ill. What is going on?

There are several things going on. Excessive chemical and vaccine use are contributing to the rate of chronic disease. Our lifestyles make it almost impossible for cats to live a normal existence. Many cats can eat whenever they want to without having to hunt and work for a living. That is just wrong. Cats need exercise, and in nature they get it by hunting. Another obvious problem is diet. Like all of us, cats are what they eat. It is now a well-understood fact that cats are obligate carnivores. They have no biological need for carbohydrates. Even conventional feline practitioners readily admit that dry cat food is not very good for cats. And some of the popular canned foods on the market are just trash. [Continue Reading](#)



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The Importance of Toys for a Cat's Health

Toys should be an important part of your cat's life. Not only do toys provide entertainment and enjoyment, but they also keep your cat healthy. [Read Full Article](#)



Brookside Barkery now offers cat grooming at our Lee's Summit Location! We are also now grooming M - F in Lee's Summit.

Special Promotions Calendar

Watch each month for new savings and store events.

[View Calendar](#)

Events

PAWrade

Saturday, March 14
Come support us as we march in the [Brookside St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up Parade](#)

Pet Connection

\$10 Vaccinations & \$25 Microchips
March 22, 2 - 5 pm
Brookside Barkery
Olathe Location
**Some restrictions apply*

Brookside Barkery Easter Egg Hunt

April 1 - 12
See coupon below
Brookside Barkery e-news exclusive!

Pet Expo

Saturday & Sunday,
April 18 & 19
The American Royal

Kitty City Adoptions

Every Saturday
Noon - 5 pm
Mariposa Vet Center

Cattys Shack

Wayside Waifs' Fur Ball
Saturday, May 9
O.P. Convention Center

Pooches on the Parkway

Sunday, May 17
Wilbur Park, Blue Springs

News from Brookside Barkery

Let's Get Cooking at the Pet Expo! Visit the Brookside Barkery booth at the Pet Expo on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, and get cooking! Let us show you how to create great meals for your pets.

Michelle Chappell, DVM, CVA, with [Mariposa Veterinary Center](#) in Lenexa, KS will be at our booth Saturday at 12:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm. Come see a live demonstration of [Muscle Response Testing](#) as used in the diagnosis of allergies in pets. Also on the agenda is Pat Hennessey, N2paws, with TTouch demonstrations.

New Product:

Brookside Barkery & Bath now carries [Acana](#) grain-free dog and cat food.

Pics and Paws for a Cause, the photo event held at our Olathe location, raised \$420 to benefit Wayside Waifs. Thank you to all who attended! Event sponsored by Biao Magazine, theRYEstudio, KCTV 5 and Brookside Barkery.

Calling All Volunteers! Join in the fun at the [Brookside Art Annual](#) on May 1-3. Volunteers are already being recruited - come help make this year's event even more successful than the last! [Email Brookside Business Association](#) for more information.



Receive a **FREE**
5.5oz can of
Grain Free Cat Food
with the purchase of any cat food.

Select varieties only. One coupon per household. Cannot be used in combination with any other offer. Must present coupon at time of visit. EXPIRATION: 4/30/09



Easter Egg Hunt Pass

Present this Pass and Receive
10, 15 or 20% Off One Item
at any of the Brookside Barkery & Bath Locations



Visit us anytime at [BarkeryBath.com](#)

Offer limited to One per family and cannot be used for Grooming or in combination with any other offers. Offer good April 1st-12th

Coupon Code 412

Have you Joined our Birthday Club?

On your pet's birthday, we'll send you a coupon for \$5 OFF your pet's next bath or your next purchase of \$20 or more. (excludes grooming services)

[Join Now!](#)

Please note: This is not a coupon.

Locations

Lee's Summit:
817 NE Woods Chapel Rd
Lee's Summit, MO 64064
816.554.2284

Brookside:
118 W 63rd St
Kansas City, MO 64113
816.333.BARK (2275)

Olathe:
Avignon Center
14040 W 119th St
Olathe, KS 66062
913.782.BARK (2275)

Hours:
Mon - Fri: 10 am - 7 pm
Sat: 10 am - 5 pm
Sun: Noon - 5 pm