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Does bringing your cat to the vet cause you anxiety?

Do you postpone bringing them in because you just don't want to fight?

Do you have your fair share of battle scars because you're trying to be a good pet parent?

## We Understand!

We are now offering "Calm Kitty" kits which include Feliway wipes(2), Zylkene capsules(5), and Gabapentin capsules(2). All of these products will help reduce your cat's stress level. Gabapentin can only be dispensed to current clients with a signed consent form.

Feliway is a synthetic pheromone that mimics the pheromones naturally produced by glands in your cat's cheeks that help them relax. We recommend using the wipes, similar to how you would use a moist towelette, to coat the inside of the carrier a few hours prior to travel. Please wait 30 to 60 minutes after coating the carrier to allow the alcohol base to dry. It is also recommended to leave the carrier out for several days prior to travel so your cat can become familiar and comfortable with the carrier in their space. Once you return from your vet visit, it is also recommended to coat the carrier once they are out of it to reduce any lingering scents from the vet office.

Zylkene is a supplement to support balanced behavior, and recommended to give for 5 days prior to your cat's vet visit. This supplement is manufactured from cow's milk, and is intended to help pets stay calm in challenging and unusual situations, such as going to the vet. The capsule can be given whole, in a pill pocket or wrapped in a treat, or opened and sprinkled on food. Most cats tend to like it, considering it is derived from cow's milk, and does not tend to cause stomach upset.

Gabapentin is a medication that was originally designed as an anti-convulsant, and it is commonly used in pain management, but has a noticeable side effect of helping reduce a cat's anxiety in stressful situations. This capsule can also be given whole, or can be sprinkled on food. You should give 1 capsule the night before and then another 1-2 hours prior to the vet visit. Gabapentin has become a controlled substance and we will need a signed form to dispense this medication.

If you would like to try a Calm Kitty kit we sell them for just \$20. We recommend picking them up 5-7 days prior to your cat's visit. Zylkene should be started 5 days prior to the visit. Gabapentin should be started the night before. Please call our office if you have any questions or to order a kit for your feline friend.

