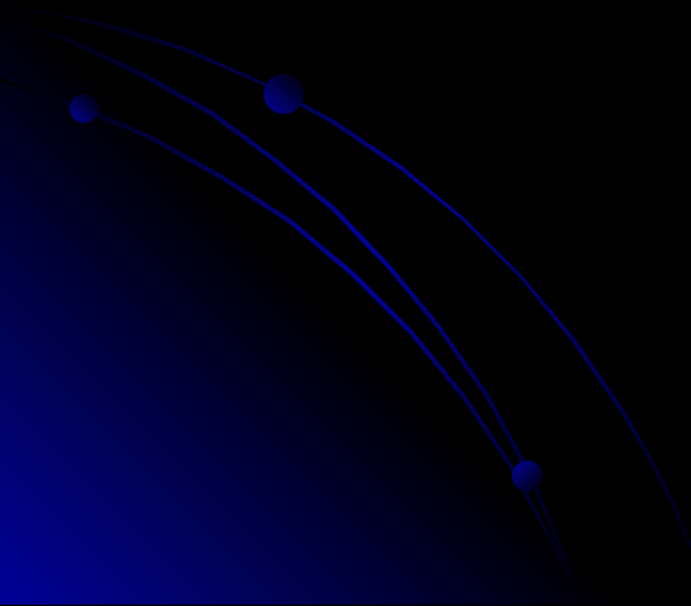


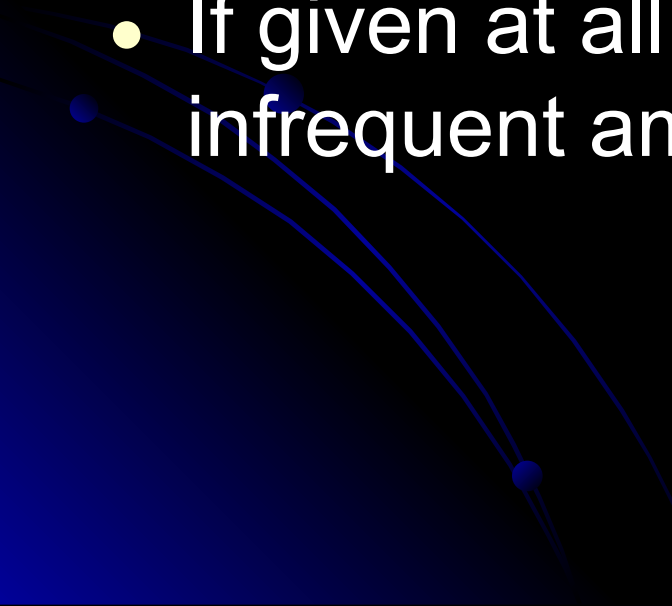
Cat Myths



Cats Always Land on Their Feet

- Myth
- Cats instinctively fall feet first and may survive falls from high places
- They may also receive broken bones in the process
- Screening on balconies and windows can help pets from disastrous falls

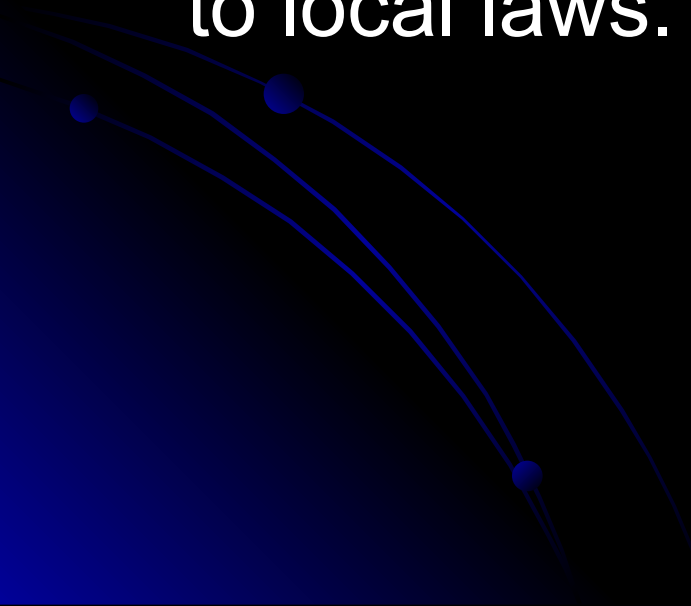
Cats should drink milk everyday

- Myth
 - Most cats like milk, but do not need it if properly nourished.
 - Many will get diarrhea from milk.
 - If given at all should be in a small and infrequent amount.
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Cats that are spayed or neutered automatically gain weight

- Myth
- Like people, cats gain weight from eating too much, not exercising enough or both.
- In most cases spaying or neutering is done when metabolism has already slowed.
- Help cat stay fit by providing exercise and restricted diet.

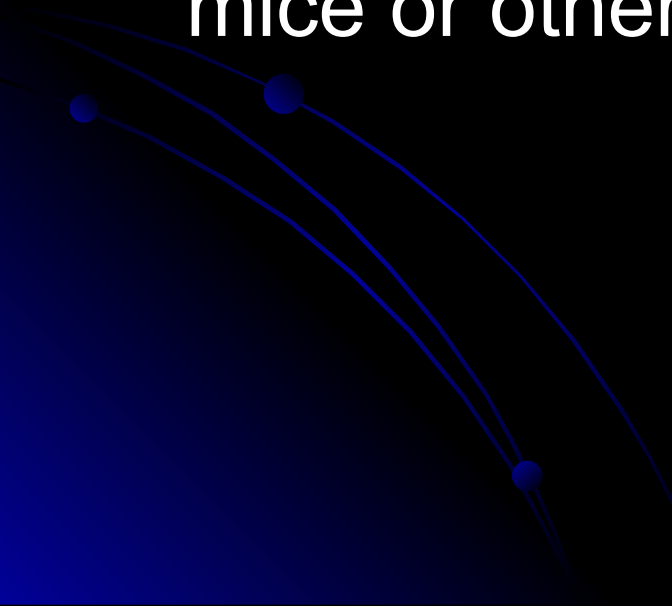
Cats cannot get rabies

- Myth
 - Most warm-blooded mammals can carry rabies
 - Should be vaccinated regularly according to local laws.
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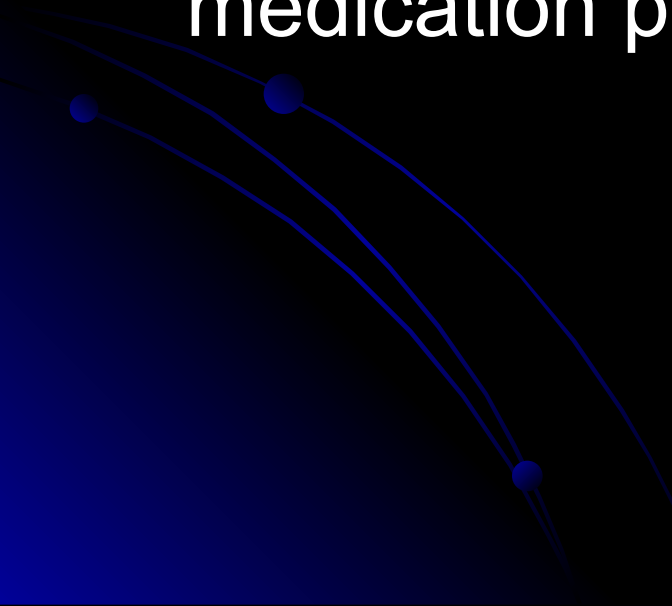
Indoor Cats cannot get diseases

- Myth
- Cats still are exposed to organisms that are carried through the air or brought in on shoes or clothing.
- Even the most housebound cat ventures outdoors at some time and can be exposed to diseases and worms through contact with other animal feces.

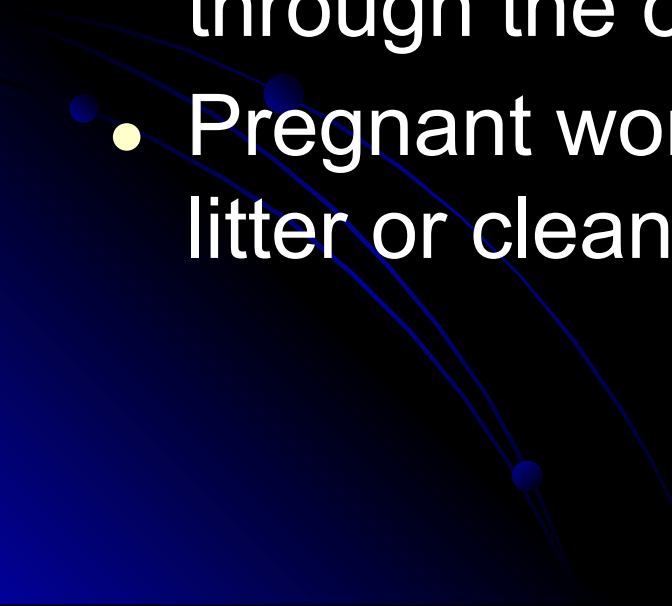
Tapeworms come from bad food

- Myth
 - Pets become infected with worms from swallowing fleas, which carry parasites
 - Also get tapeworms from eating infected mice or other exposed animals.
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Putting garlic on a pet's food will get rid of worms

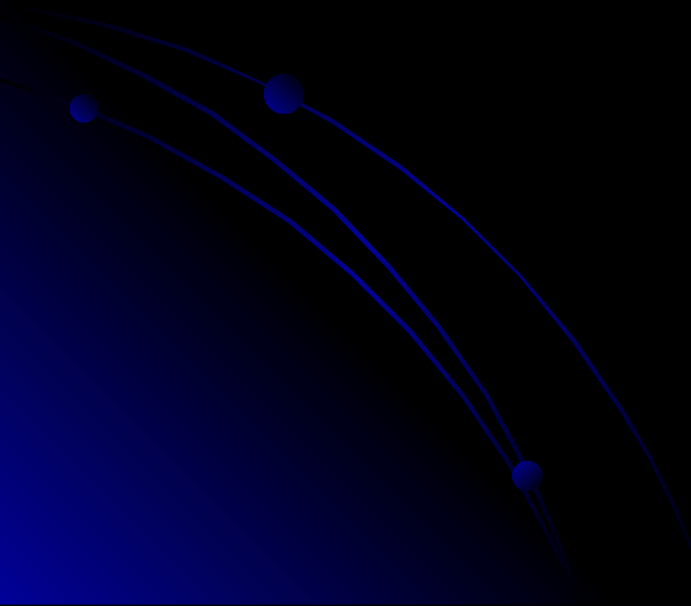
- Myth
 - Garlic may make the animal's food taste better, but has no effect on worms.
 - Most effective way to treat worms is by medication prescribed by a veterinarian.
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Pregnant women should not own cats

- Myth
 - The cat could be infected with toxoplasmosis, which causes birth defects.
 - Toxoplasmosis can only be contracted through the cats litter.
 - Pregnant women should stay away from litter or clean it wearing rubber gloves.
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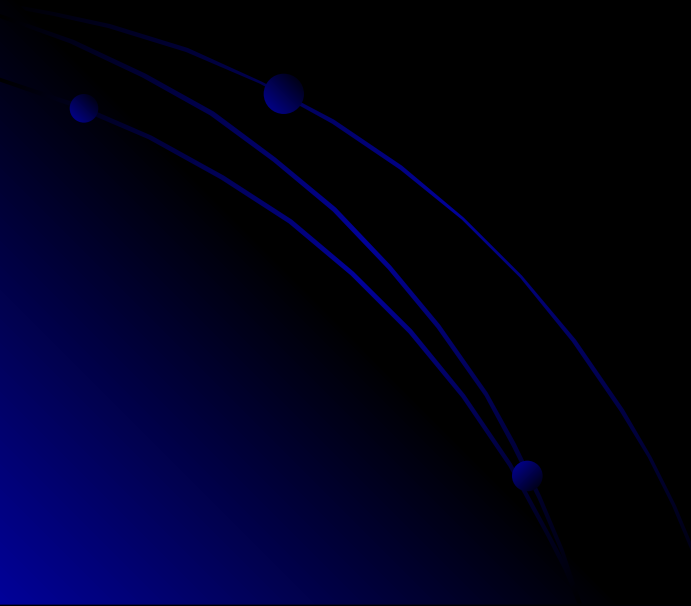
A cat's sense of balance is in its whiskers

- Myth
- Cats use their whiskers as “feelers”
- Do not maintain their balance



Animals heal themselves by licking their wounds

- Myth
- Such licking actually can slow the healing process
- Cause further damage to the wound



Any other Myths?

