



**BOARDING
FOR CATS**



What is Kitty Castle?

We are a unique boarding kennel for cats exclusively (No dogs!). Whether it's a one week business trip, a weekend getaway, or a temporary living arrangement, Kitty Castle offers a warm and friendly atmosphere, and personalized attention for your kitty without the stress and noise associated with other kennels that also board dogs.

Cats are all we know and we know them well. Established in 1984 by Mrs. Pat Edel on a nine acre farm in rural Finksburg, Kitty Castle caregivers Joann, Linda, Barbara and Jackie have nearly 40 years of combined experience loving and nurturing kitties.

Our kennel facilities are truly one of a kind. Private accommodations offer full-sized, walk-in comfort, measuring 4' square by 8' high. All "rooms" feature a 2' x 3' operative window with a carpeted ledge and a second deep ledge for lounging. The top half of each kennel is made of 1" x 2" wire for a full view of the entire building and other boarders; the bottom half of three walls are solid, with a full-size wire door. The floors are made of wood. Weather permitting, each kitty has access to a private 5' outdoor run featuring plastic coated wire and a pebble floor. We have 50 kennels in 4 buildings; all are heated, cross-ventilated and feature ceiling fans. We play soothing music, and each room has a hanging toy for kitty's enjoyment. All litter pans are cleaned daily, and upon kitty's departure all kennel surfaces are disinfected.

We carry a large variety of dry and canned food. We even feature our own custom mix of dried food (only prescription food would need to be provided). Canned food is provided in the evening only, unless otherwise specified. We supply all bowls, litter pans, rugs, blankets and towels. Special toys or other personal items always make kitty feel more comfortable and special instructions are always welcome. We take extra time and care with any kitty who shows any kind of discomfort.

We have a relationship with a local veterinarian in case of emergency and ask that you leave the number of your kitty's doctor if needed. We must require proof of rabies vaccine for all new boarders.

Please note we are a boarding facility only — we do not provide grooming, breeding or adoption services.



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See more on our website:
www.kittycastle.com



Guest Vet Column – Why Is the Rabies Vaccine So Important? *by Dr. David Vaughan, DVM*

Rabies is a virus. And it is absolutely fatal if the brain becomes infected with it. Rabies may be the worst virus we've ever seen, because it is zoonotic — this means it can affect many different species. Whereas most viruses are contained within one species, rabies is an exception. While a person cannot contract the feline leukemia virus from a cat, just about any mammal can contract rabies. A racoon can give it to a dog, which can give it to a cat, which can give it to a human, and so on.

Rabies, as well as every other virus on earth, will never be cured. Since the beginning of time no virus has ever been cured. People often say incorrectly, "we're hoping for a cure" in regards to a virus... but once a virus has infected the body, the body will either fight it off (such as with a common cold) or the body will be destroyed by it.

The only things we can hope for are vaccines. Prevention is the ONLY way to combat a virus. In the case of rabies, we have a vaccine. Absolutely all cats and dogs should be kept current on their rabies vaccine. The vaccine lapsing even one day could prove fatal for that animal and any other animal in contact with it. If a rabies epidemic occurred, any population of mammals could be in jeopardy. The risk is so severe, all dogs and cats are required by law to have a current rabies vaccine. If your animal is involved in a confrontation with any other animal or person, and is found by the state to not have a current rabies vaccine, the state has the right to euthanize that animal, or quarantine it for 6 months. So if you don't vaccinate your pet for rabies, distemper, or any virus because it "Never goes outside" then you are risking your pet's life, and breaking the law.

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Kitty Castle Rates

Please call for our rates as they do vary with the number of kitties to be boarded and the length of stay. If a customer chooses, kitties from the same household may be boarded together at a discount rate. A small fee is charged if kitty requires medication during his/her visit. Charges begin the day kitty is brought in, whether morning or evening; and if you pick up in the morning, you are not charged for that day.

We are open six days a week, 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM, closed Wednesdays.

Feel free to contact manager Joann Harrison for a tour of the Kitty Castle during our normal business hours.

Kitty Castle Discounts!



Remember to reserve kitty's spot early, especially during prime vacation times!

Current Customers: Refer a new customer and get one night free!*

*minimum three night stay

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- Cats Exclusively
- Individual Kennel Areas
- Private Windows & Ledges
- Individual Outdoor Runs

Surviving the Blizzard of 2003

During the big snow over President's Day Weekend, we had over 30 cats in residence. But never fear, our manager Joann Harrison saw to it that it was business as usual at Kitty Castle. Joann slept on the premises and owner Gene Lugat kept the driveway and walkways snow and ice free. That's the kind of dedication you can expect from the Kitty Castle!

Kitty Climate Comfort

Have you ever wondered why you always find your cat peacefully sleeping in that one ray of sun shining through the window? Or possibly if you have a radiator or a wood stove, kitty wants to be either under it or right next to it? Cats seem to prefer warmth (as compared to dogs who crave a cool shaded spot) because cats have a body temperature between 101 and 102 degrees. So when kitty comes for boarding he can choose to enjoy the warmth of the sun via his window or choose fresh air via his outdoor run - this way he can have the best of both worlds. All our buildings feature ceiling fans and complete cross ventilation.

How do Cats Sweat?

You might notice when taking your cat to the veterinarian, that when in the examining room you see little foot marks on the stainless steel table. The pads are releasing secretions that are produced in response to elevated body temperature because of emotional stress or excitement. Cats have sweat glands that travel through the skin and open directly onto the footpad surface.

Why we choose Kitty Castle *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Liebler, Reston, VA*

The Lieblers were referred to Kitty Castle 10 years ago by the American Boarding Kennel Association. (www.abka.com)

"Driving the extra distance to board our five cats at Kitty Castle is worth the effort because we know our pets will be safer and more comfortable there than anywhere else. We like the unique farmlike setting and large individual living spaces with connected outdoor runs. Cleanliness is impeccable throughout the facility and boarding fees are reasonable. The people that run Kitty Castle are animal lovers like us, so we know they will receive the best care possible. We wouldn't think of using another boarding service."



What ever happened to Pat?

I founded Kitty Castle in 1983. Finally, a place for your cat when they needed a home away from home. I am so happy to have this opportunity to thank each and every one of my loyal and devoted clients — each of whom were not only clients, but friends as well. Your support of Kitty Castle during the last twenty years has and always will be so appreciated.

To bring you up to date — as many of you know, my husband Kim died on May 18th, 2001. In October, I sold my home and Kitty Castle to our dear friends and neighbors, Gene and Chris Lugat (Gene and Kim were very close during Kim's final part of his life and this relationship was a precious one). Gene made it his aim to continue Kitty Castle (thereby allowing Kim's and my dream to go on), and to retain all of my original fellow workers giving Joanne Harrison the opportunity to run the business as her own operation. As those of you know that have been back to Kitty Castle during this period, Joann is handling things with the same expertise and caring that Kim and I felt.

I will never forget the joys and sadnesses we shared with you and your cats. I am sure you will remember my husband, Kim, with his wonderful stories and a little joke added now and then for flavor. I have such pleasant memories of those times and I know that these memories will give me much comfort over the years. Again, thanks to each and every one of you that made our business what it is today. Even though I'm retired now, I still have 12 wonderful cats of my own, so life remains full and busy. If you would want to call or write, please feel free to do so. I can be reached at the following:

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