
CATS ILLUSTRATED

Cats are getting sunburns!



As summer is approaching, the days are getting longer, and the UV index is rising, cats have been getting more sunburns. For those of you who don't know, the UV (ultraviolet) index measures how strong the rays of the sun are. The higher it is, the more easily you can get sunburned.

Image above - Rudy, who got a bad sunburn on the back of her neck yesterday.

Cats with lighter fur, like Rudy and Juliet, have been some of the first to get sunburned. Lunch got a slight burn on her side as well, and cats like Mavis and Harvey are being wary. A few kittens have gotten mild burns, but nothing that actually hurt. However, these incidents have prompted adult cats to require sunscreen for all kittens leaving the house. This is not

pleasant, as kittens do not like having sunscreen slathered over their fur. They have protested against this, but adult cats are firm in their decisions. If kittens want to play outside, they have to wear sunscreen.

Some people may not think that the color of cats' fur affects their vulnerability to UV rays, but it does. Lighter fur absorbs more of the harmful rays, while darker fur absorbs less. Right now, I'm sure that Lunch's kittens with completely black fur are thanking the universe for being born that way. Lunch does not make her kittens wear as much sunscreen as other kittens, which they boast about all the time at school. As a contrast, Juliet makes her kittens, especially Wilbur Spots, wear heavy sunscreen whenever they go outside. But for some kittens it is worth it, as they have experienced sunburns and do not want to experience them again.

Harvey is staying inside his own house, as he has had quite a few bad experiences with sunburns. Harvey is using the excuse that he is saying goodbye to his therapy office, as he is moving, but Harvey is just avoiding wearing sunscreen by staying inside. Harvey does not like sunscreen or getting sunburned, and he can avoid both by staying inside all day. However, North will probably make Harvey go outside at some point, or Harvey will just cave and make a quick trip to get a treat.

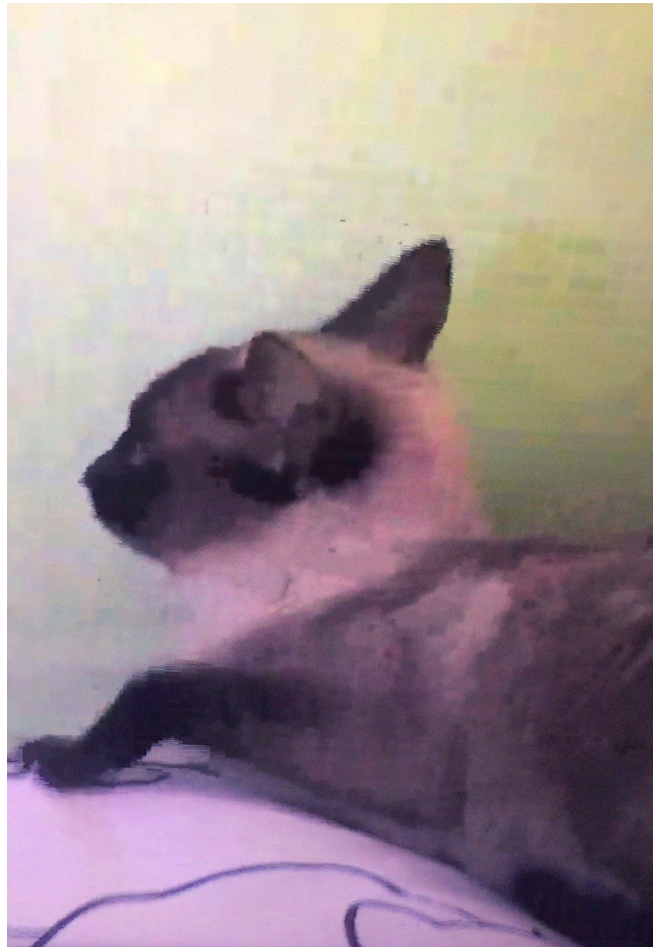


Image above - Lunch, who has resolved not to leave her house unless it was burning down.

“Sunscreen isn’t even worth stealing.”

- NAYA, WHO’S BORED

The seasons are changing, and cats must change with them, no matter how hard that will be. Sunscreen will be a big part of cats' lives in the next few months, along with sunburns. Now there are more things to worry about, but some cats have found the solution that if they don't leave their houses, they don't have to deal with that stuff. This may work short-term, but the heat buildup will drive cats out of their houses, at least just to pick up a cold treat.

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