

## Do All Cats Need Regular Checkups? Yes!

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Some people take cats for granted. The sad truth is that many cats are not receiving ongoing preventive healthcare as they should, according to [American Animal Hospital Association CEO, Dr. Michael Cavanaugh](#). Indoor [cats](#) may be inherently healthier, not getting hit by cars or chased down by a coyote, but they can still get [heart disease](#), [cancer](#), [hyperthyroid disease](#), etc... Even indoor cats are also potentially susceptible to [fleas](#) and [heartworm](#) if they're not appropriately protected. In this video, Dr. Cavanaugh also speaks to getting cats to the [vets](#) more often, which is a part of keeping cats healthy.

*If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.*