

Intercat Aggression Between Household Cats – Solutions

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Intercat aggression is unsettling and can be very disruptive and dangerous. Your Banfield Medical Team will be working with you to determine the cause of the aggression in your household so that a targeted treatment plan can be implemented. In the meantime, these basic steps should be taken for all intercat aggression cases.

Things to Do

- Set up separate living areas for the fighting cats; this can be full segregation (separated at times when you cannot supervise)
- Identify any triggers that upset your cat(s) (e.g. visualization of outdoor cats, loud noises) and alter the environment so that they are minimized/removed
- Create an enriched feline environment that allows for natural coping strategies. This includes:
 - Multiple elevated single cat sized resting perches throughout the environment
 - Multiple litter boxes (# litter boxes = # cats +1) in different locations throughout home
 - Multiple feeding and watering stations
 - Multiple scratching posts/pads
- Make sure that energetic cats have plenty of appropriate outlets for play
- Acclimate the aggressor cat to wearing a cat-safe belled collar
- Place Feliway® pheromone diffusers in the home
- If necessary use remote tools (spray of water) to interrupt an attack

Things to Avoid

- Trying to handle upset/aroused cats; redirected aggression is common and can result in serious injuries
- Hitting or otherwise physically reprimanding cats for aggression



For additional information, please contact your Banfield medical team.

