

Daisy v12.0 (years young, that is)



Catsitter's Manual

CONGRATULATIONS

You are now the proud catsitter of Daisy v.12.0 (henceforth referred to as Daisy). This regal lioness is small and tame enough to be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home and coats all surfaces with luxurious golden fur. Inch per inch Daisy is the furriest feline on the market!

Daisy provides the ultimate sugarcat caretaking experience. Testing and insulin injections have never been simpler! This sugarcat takes it all in stride. Daisy is also ***the easiest*** feline to pill!

We are very proud of Daisy and hope that you are equally satisfied with her superb furriness and ease of catsitting.

Thank you for taking care of Daisy!

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AN OVERVIEW OF DAISY

Daisy was diagnosed with diabetes on June 23, 2000. She was on Humulin NPH until February 2003 when she was switched to Humulin U. Other than diabetic peripheral neuropathy that is being treated with Xobaline (methyl-B12), Daisy has no other medical conditions. She tested negative for FeLV/FIV on June 23, 2000 at the Alliance for Animals in South Boston (617.288.2333) and has always been an indoor cat. She got a 3- year rabies vaccine on 6/12/01 (expires 6/12/04). She has never tested positive for ketones. *(also suggested you leave caregiver with a copy of your sugarcat's medical history, at least history since diagnosis, in case of emergency)*

FEEDING

Daisy eats Wellness brand wet canned food only, and prefers the chicken flavor. She eats .625 can (half plus an eighth of a can) twice a day at 8am and 8pm. She can have protein treats in moderation (see section on treats). *Be prepared for your sugarcat to not eat normally while you are away, make sure to have a "back-up" food suggested to caregiver or to warn against allergies, etc. in case the caregiver has to try alternate foods to tempt.*

INSULIN REQUIREMENTS

Daisy is currently on 1.5 units of Humulin U twice a day, given when she is done eating most of her food. The duration of the insulin in Daisy is 14 hours, so there is some overlap. She typically peaks at +8. There are days when her PS is too low for her to get a full dose, but rarely low enough that she should not get a shot at all. The following guidelines are based on recent trends I've noticed. Of course these are only guidelines; use your best judgment. The current insulin vial was bought on 4/21.

- Below 150- *Skip shot*
- 150- 185- *Recheck half an hour after eating- if she's going up fairly fast you can give her 1.5 units. If she's going up but not that much, a dose of 1.3 units can be given (or approximation if giving straight insulin).*
- Above 186- *1.5 units- Her pre-shots are usually in this range. However, if she starts to get too many low pre-shots or a very high PS (high 300's- 400's) followed by a good one (low-mid 200's) I would cut the dose to 1.4 units (or approximation if giving straight insulin).*

OTHER MEDICATIONS

Daisy gets a 3mg Xobaline tablet twice a day at least two hours after mealtimes.

TREATS

Daisy's favorite treats are Liv-A-Littles Cod Treats from Halo. If she's not eating, crumbling one onto her food will probably do the trick. She can have other protein-based treats in moderation as long as it does not cause weight gain (she's slimming down for summer).

LIKES AND DISLIKES

Likes: Chin scratches, treats (especially seafood, see above), clean litter box, light combing followed by wipe down with a moist cloth/paper towel, darkness, sitting on top of her comforter, hiding under her comforter, hiding in general, bird watching, light socializing with others of the feline persuasion.

Dislikes: Being carried, heavy combing, loud noises, loud voices, plastic bags, dirty litter box, boisterous young felines, car rides, d*gs.

PARENTS' CONTACT INFORMATION

****Enter a number and address where you can be reached here****

Calling Card Information:

****If you buy your sitter a calling card so they can contact you put the info (number, access code, company, etc) here****

Emergency Care Release Form 1 *(suggested you have this prepared for the vet that would treat your cat in your absence)*

In case of life-threatening emergency I, (your name), give (sitter's name) as my authorized agent and (the non-emergency hospital's name) full permission to treat my pet until I can be contacted.

Do anything required to stabilize until I can be reached.

Initiate treatment but do not exceed \$_____ until I can be reached.

Do not initiate treatment if costs are expected to be over \$_____.

signature:

date:

Emergency Care Release Form 2 *(suggested you have this prepared for the emergency hospital that would treat your cat in your absence)*

In case of life-threatening emergency I, (your name), give (your sitter's name) as my authorized agent and (emergency hospital) full permission to treat my pet until I can be contacted.

Do anything required to stabilize until I can be reached.

Initiate treatment but do not exceed \$_____ until I can be reached.

Do not initiate treatment if costs are expected to be over \$_____.

signature:

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