

## **Feline Senility and Vitamin B 12**

It has been known for some time that as cats age, their ability to absorb B-Vitamins can diminish. What is interesting to note was that this problem is very widespread and is thought to be a major cause of lack of appetite, diarrhea and cognitive dysfunction in older cats. Cats who are low in vitamin B-12 (otherwise known as cobalamin) are noted to forget what they were doing. Sometimes they will start to eat or drink and then suddenly stop. Grooming behavior can also be altered. New, proven protocols for treatment were presented at this feline veterinary meeting. If you suspect that your cat may be exhibiting some of these behaviors, please call our office to discuss treatment and diagnosis.

It is comforting to both humans and pets to acknowledge that “old age is not a disease”.