

“Reading Series 2 - Asthma & Cats” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

The main purpose of the text is to..

- A.** highlight the dangers of asthma conditions in cats.
- B.** compare the conditions of cats at home with those in hospitals.
- C.** show how asthma in cats can be treated.
- D.** indicate the human and environmental factors that can cause asthma in cats.

Reading Text - Asthma & Cats:

In a complete reversal of roles, humans are being blamed for possibly triggering asthma attacks in cats. Researchers say cigarette smoke, dusty homes, pollen and even human dandruff can all increase inflammation in feline lungs and worsen asthma in cats. It appears that there is a percentage of asthmatic cats whose asthma has been triggered by things people do, or possibly by people themselves. Cats with feline asthma syndrome can be made worse by living in a household where people smoke, or where there are other potential allergens or irritants. When asthmatic cats are brought into the hospital and removed from standard 'triggers' like dust and smoke their condition can improve. Practices such as changing cat litter from granules to a newspaper-based product can help some asthmatic animals.

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SOME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT

Allergens: substances that cause an allergy.
Cat litter: a substance that is put in a container to be used as a toilet by pets.

Dandruff: small white pieces of dead skin from the head.
Trigger: cause something (usually bad) to start.