



What to know about rare fungal infection

Description

Title: "Rare Fungus Infection in Cats and Vet Worry Health Experts"

Health experts have found a rare fungal condition in two pet cats and their vet. The U.S. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the issue occurred between late 2022 and early 2023.

The fungus that caused the problem is called *Sporothrix schenckii*. This type of infection is generally caught through contact with plants with sharp points like rose thorns. This is why it's sometimes called "rose gardener's disease." If cats get this infection, it can easily be passed on to other cats, dogs, and even people if not treated immediately.

Experts say the illness tends to form sores that heal slowly. However, it is not caught from person to person. The CDC is paying special attention to its spread. One case happened when a cat's paw wound did not heal. It gave the infection to the vet who treated it. Later, another cat from the same house also fell sick.

The good news is, the fungal infection can be cured. But, it's crucial for it to be diagnosed early. Experts are warning pet owners to be cautious. If your outdoor cat has a wound that isn't healing, check with your vet to see if it could be this fungal infection.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Fungal** // (adjective): Relating to or caused by fungi.
2. **Infection** // (noun): The process of an organism being invaded by a disease-causing agent.
3. **Condition** // (noun): The state of something with regard to its appearance quality or working order.
4. **Cats** // (noun): Domesticated carnivorous mammals with retractile claws.
5. **Vet** // (noun): Short for a veterinarian a person qualified to treat and care for animals.
6. **Centre** // (noun): The middle point or part.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which condition is characterized by high blood sugar levels?

- Option: Diabetes
- Option: Cholesterol
- Option: Alzheimer
- Option: Influenza

2. Which fruit is known for its creamy texture and healthy fats?

- Option: Avocado
- Option: Fiber
- Option: Potassium
- Option: Cholesterol

3. An epidemic occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the population is called an _____.

- Option: Outbreak
- Option: Substitute
- Option: Epidemic
- Option: Symptom

4. Which compound is commonly known as table salt?

- Option: Potassium Chloride
- Option: Sodium Chloride
- Option: Salt
- Option: Fiber



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5. Which variety of avocado is recognized for its dark bumpy skin?
Option: Cats
Option: Diabetes
Option: Hass avocado
Option: Influenza
6. The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions is called _____.
Option: Fungal
Option: Research
Option: Infection
Option: Condition
7. The surroundings or conditions in which a person animal or plant lives or operates is known as _____.
Option: Pathogenic
Option: Environment
Option: Sustainable
Option: Centre
8. To establish the truth or correctness of something by evidence or demonstration is to _____.
Option: Cholesterol
Option: Confirm
Option: Beneficial
Option: Inflammation
9. The pressure of the blood in the circulatory system often measured for diagnosis is called _____.
Option: Potassium
Option: Blood Pressure
Option: Avocado
Option: Cholesterol
10. A localized physical condition in which part of the body becomes reddened swollen hot and often painful is called _____.
Option: Alzheimer
Option: Inflammation
Option: Compound
Option: Fiber

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



11. _____ is a progressive disease where brain cells degenerate and die causing memory loss and cognitive decline.
12. Many people use honey as a _____ for sugar in their recipes to reduce added sugars.
13. A chemical _____ is a substance formed by the bonding of two or more different elements.
14. Coughing and fever are common _____ of the flu.
15. Athlete's foot is a common _____ infection that thrives in warm moist environments.
16. Many people seek advice from a veterinarian for the health concerns of their _____.
17. Bananas are a good source of _____ an essential mineral for muscle function.
18. High levels of LDL _____ can increase the risk of heart disease.
19. It is important to protect the _____ to ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.
20. My dog had a check-up at the _____ clinic to ensure he was healthy.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Consuming a diet high in saturated fats can lead to an increase in levels of this fatty substance in the blood.
22. The bacteria were identified as _____ after causing illness in several individuals.
23. The rapid spread of a disease affecting many individuals within a community.
24. Practices that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
25. A nutrient-dense fruit known for its creamy texture and healthy monounsaturated fats.
26. Regular exercise has numerous positive effects on overall health and well-being.



27. A contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses often leading to seasonal outbreaks.
28. A chronic condition characterized by elevated levels of sugar in the blood due to insufficient insulin production or ineffective use of insulin.
29. A substance composed of two or more elements in fixed proportions with distinct properties different from its constituent elements.
30. To establish the accuracy truth or validity of something through evidence or demonstration.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Diabetes 2. Avocado 3. Epidemic 4. Sodium Chloride 5. Hass avocado 6. Research 7. Environment 8. Confirm 9. Blood Pressure 10. Inflammation

Gap-Fill: 11. Alzheimer 12. Substitute 13. Compound 14. Symptom 15. Fungal 16. Cats 17. Potassium 18. Cholesterol 19. Environment 20. Vet

Matching sentence: 1. Cholesterol 2. Pathogenic 3. Epidemic 4. Sustainable 5. Avocado 6. Beneficial 7. Influenza 8. Diabetes 9. Compound 10. Confirm

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