

Customer Testimonials

ZOE was diagnosed at 12 months of age with mild to moderate asthma. At her worst she was coughing 2-3 times daily, had audible lung and purr gurgles, a resting bpm rate of 39 and could not sleep deeply. She began inhaled meds within two weeks of diagnosis. It took only one week of Flovent at 220 1 puff twice a day to bring her bpm down to 24 and end her daily coughing. It took 3 months after beginning inhaled to achieve cough-free status. Zoe's been cough-free for over a year now and continues faithfully on her maintenance dose of 1 puff 220 once daily.

As her daily caregiver, she depends on me to monitor any fluctuations in her health that may signal a flare of inflammation such as puffy sides, increased respiratory rate, gurgly purr, lack of voice or decreased activity. When I observe these I increase the dose to 1 puff 220 twice a day for 2-4 weeks before it ever progresses to cough. I also have bloodwork and radiographs done annually to evaluate for any subclinical progression. She is happy, loving and extremely active; playing fetch and chasing her brother Zeke. The AeroKat and Dr. Philip Padrid's Flovent and Albuterol protocol are the best things that could have happened in our lives, she has a normal life and I am stress free.

Zoe has a wonderful cat-tale to tell...During the early trials of the AeroKat she helped connect the AeroKat developer with the feline inhaled med "community" of caregivers, veterinarians and their precious felines by founding the Feline Asthma Inhaled Medication Yahoo Group or FAIM. This offered an educational forum for all and provided valuable feedback in designing the most efficient, safe and effective feline aerosol chamber possible. Since the public introduction of the AeroKat in August 2002 the FAIM group continues to offer advice and support on achieving caregiver compliance, maintains a message archive, a feline member history database and will keep current with any future advancements.

Zoe would like to thank everyone in this community for coming together to empower each other with knowledge and support. She extends a very special thank you on behalf of many to the AeroKat developer (Martin Foley) for sharing his knowledge with extraordinary dedication, trust and kindness. We can all be proud that we have made a significant difference in the well-being of asthmatic felines and it is highly probable that we have even saved some lives with our incredible achievements.

Zoe would like to introduce you to some of her fabulous feline friends who are using the AeroKat as they too would like to share with you their experiences using inhaled medications...

Warm regards,
Zoe and her human companion, Daphne

Name: Melanie

I received the AeroKat on Thursday. My vet had not seen the Flow-Vu feature before, but had prescribed the AeroKat in the past. On using the device for the first time last night, I could not imagine trying to use the device without the Flow-Vu. My cat was not keen on having the mask put over his face but I was easily able to see and count the number of breaths taken - without this I would have had no hope. I am pleased I shopped around and insisted on having this particular AeroKat.

Thank you
Melanie D.

Name: JoAnn
Aerokat: Tonto

My name is JoAnn and my cat, Tonto has recently been diagnosed with asthma. Tonto had been coughing on and off for awhile now. Last week when he didn't come to greet me or show interest in food I knew something was wrong. The vet there said the damage to the lungs was unchanged, but that didn't mean the pleural disease hadn't gotten worse. He, along with my vet recommended treatment for asthma.

Tonto has really bounced back since starting the treatment for asthma using the AeroKat chamber. He is definitely feeling like his old self.

I am attaching a picture of Tonto. He will be 4 in September.

Name: Linda
Aerokat: Big Guy

This chamber has been a life saver for our 7 year old cat. He knows it helps him breathe and religiously comes to me in the evening before we go to bed for a puff. In the morning he sits by his bowl and waits for the puff knowing he'll be fed after he gets relief..

Our Vet. is totally amazed that our cat is still alive and only by seeing the photos does he believe the fact that " Big Guy " so calmly waits for the help twice daily.

Name: Laurie
Aerokat: Ronde

I just wanted to thank you so much, for developing AeroKat. When my vet first referred me to your website, I took one look at the pics (as well as those on the Fritz the Cat site), and thought -- oh please, my cat will NEVER tolerate that. However, we finally decided to give it a shot, out of desperation. It's now been about 6 months...she gets one puff in the AM, one puff at night. not only is she not scared of the device....but I say "Ronde, come get a puff"....and hold out the device, and she jumps on the bed and gets into her 'meatloaf' position, so that I can administer it. and it's not just that I've been doing this for 6 months -- she was never scared of the device, or the puffing noise, and will come to get her medicine, almost from the start. And of course the difference in her health has been beyond belief. Thank you, so much.

Name: Mikel
Aerokat: Jesus

The AeroKat has changed my life - it brought me great peace of mind in treating Jesus' asthma - he has been much more stable while getting his inhaled medications, and without the side effects of the systemic steroids he relied on before. Giving him his "puffs" is even easier than pilling him, and he loves getting his chicken baby food treat every time. He even comes right over and sits next to me when he knows it is time for his meds.

Name: Dottie
Aerokat: Meadow
Age: 3 years old
Location: USA
Date inhaled meds began: Oct. 1, 2002

The AeroKat is wonderful! It has allowed Meadow to receive the medication she needs to completely control her asthma and has allowed me to take her off of oral medication completely. The unique design of the AeroKat has facilitated Meadow receiving a lower dose of inhaled medication while still keeping her symptom free. While on oral medications, she gained weight and still had bouts of wheezing and coughing frequently, plus it was a daily struggle to get her to swallow her pills. Wrapping her in a towel makes her feel secure and allows me to handle her and administer the medication with the AeroKat much more easily and without help from another person. She readily accepted having the mask on her face once she realized that her favourite special treats would surely follow. Now she actually looks forward to her medications when she sees the AeroKat in my hand! Thanks to the AeroKat chamber, Meadow is healthier and happier and my life is much easier.

Name: Patsy
Aerokat: Timmy

I thought I would send this shot of our Timmy getting his Flovent through your absolutely wonderful AeroKat. Timmy has been on inhaled meds for a little over a year now, and has been using the AeroKat for about 6 months. Using the AeroKat has enabled us to reduce Timmy's dosage from 2 actuations BID, to 1 actuation Bid. As you know, the cost of Flovent is high, and so the AeroKat has saved us a great deal of money. We will be forever grateful to you.

Sincerely,
Patsy

Name: Debbie
Aerokat: Melody
Age: 4 years old
Date inhaled meds began: Oct 2001
Location: UK

I've noticed how much more relaxed Melody is about having her inhalers lately. She's always been good about it but lately she starts purring the moment I unzip the inhaler case. She doesn't have food treats because she's not interested in them, so it's not that. She used to run away and I would have to catch her (which could be frustrating at times, even though Mels thought it was a cool game). Now she almost makes a joke of it, she runs off but comes sauntering back right way, tail high in the air, purring loudly and rubbing around my ankles.

I've realised that she's reacting to *me* being so much more relaxed. It's all because of the design of the AeroKat. Before, with the AeroChamber* VHC, I was always anxious as to whether the valve was moving and how much medication she was receiving. I must have been on edge the whole time and she was picking up on it. Sometimes she'd purr and make the flaps move and I would lighten up about it, then we'd be back to my anxieties. I'd even hazard a guess that my continual anxiety about the whole thing added to her stress. With no valve to worry about, inhaler time has become a real bonding time for us.

I've been revelling in her good mood the last few weeks, and I can clearly see now, having thought about it, that it's been since we got the AeroKat. My anxiety has been removed, inhaler time has become a lovely game with cuddles, and "mom" and cat are really enjoying each other again, for the first time since her collapse over a year ago. Removing that flapped valve was a stroke of genius and has changed our lives.

Debbie

Name: Pat
Aerokat: Molly
Age: 13 years old

Attached is a picture of Molly at Christmas...If you note, she is sitting under a tree and breathing well, thanks to the Flovent® and the AeroKat. She is using the inhaler twice a day and sits on my lap waiting as I shake the Flovent®. What I like about the AeroKat is that it is soft and gentle on the face and does not scare her being placed on her. The clear face mask is not a dark scary thing coming at her. I am very pleased with the results we are getting and appreciate a product made for a cat. My best friend is healthy and happy and I hope at the age of 13, has many more years ahead with me.

Sincerely,
Pat and Molly

Name: Kaye
Aerokat: Abby / Amber
Age: 1 yr 11 months old / 1 yr 7 months old
Breed: Domestic Shorthair / American Shorthair
Location: USA

Abby started some wheezing/coughing in August 2002 x-rays showed classic asthma patterns. She was started on oral Pred 5 mg SID and Theophylline 1/2 BID. I received the AeroKat 8/21/02 and but had to start with only Albuterol as needed while I waited for the Flovent® to arrive. Abby was coughing at least once daily and as many as three episodes daily. Flovent® arrived 8/29/02 and I started two puffs BID that night. In October 2002 they reduced to one puff SID.

Abby did not cough at all until a very mild episode the last week of February 2003. Due to other issues, her chest was "re-x-rayed" three weeks after starting Flovent® and the vet said she had NEVER seen such dramatic improvement (indeed if ANY at all) in asthma on oral meds. My two cats are the first inhaled at our clinic and so far the vets are impressed.

There is some debate among my vets whether Amber has "true asthma" or chronic bronchitis/sinusitis, but from research, it was felt that any of those conditions would benefit from the same type treatment. She had a SEVERE URI when I purchased her and has been "nasally" with sneezing "attacks" chronically ever since. Her chest rads to "seem to be asthmatic" though some of the vets feel they may be more congestion than "classic donuts".

She does still have occasional sneezing episodes, but not the multiple daily attacks that can last for several minutes. I've been a bit lax getting her chest rads repeated, but anticipate improvement when they're done.

Name: Donald

Aerokat: Tommy

Using the AeroKat, with my cat Tommy, has helped to make administering inhaled medications much easier and more effective than was possible with the chamber I was using before, which was designed for humans. For me one of the most important features of the AeroKat is the mask. Since it's been designed specifically for cats, it fits comfortably and snugly around Tom's face, minimizing distress and helping to deliver a more effective dose than was possible before. The chamber helps to keep the medication from puffing directly in his face and of course keeps the medication available long enough for him to inhale effectively.

I'm very pleased.

Donald

Name: Mauro & Lucia

Aerokat: Winter

I am so happy to have a mask that fits Winter so much better. She inhales more of the medication which makes it more efficient. Other masks were too large and it covered more of her face.

Winter seems more comfortable with the smaller mask.

I am grateful to Trudell for developing a product for our asthmatic cats.

Thank you,

Lucia and Winter

Name: Cindi

Aerokat: Skittle

Location: USA

My cat Skittle was diagnosed with asthma in March of 2002 when he was 1 1/2 years old. He started inhaled medications a few months later. We first had to use a human pediatric spacer with a feline anaesthesia mask modified to fit, because at that time a chamber was not made specifically for cats.

I was thrilled when the AeroKat was introduced and we started using it immediately. Due to the efficiency of the AeroKat, I have been able to reduce the amount of medication Skittle needs to control his symptoms by half of what was needed with a human spacer. Thus, my monthly medication expense has been reduced accordingly.

The AeroKat is very comfortable for me to hold and the smaller mask provides a secure, snug fit to Skittles face. Having used both the human chamber and the AeroKat, I feel the AeroKat is by far the absolute best and only aerosol delivery chamber a new feline asthma patient's owner should consider.

Cindi

Name: Ann

Aerokat: Happy / Joy

Date inhaled meds began: May 2002 / Nov14 2002

I've had two kitties with asthma using the AeroKat with Flovent®. Happy has used it since May 2002 and is still using it comfortably and successfully. It appears that her asthma is under control. Joy used the AeroKat from Nov 14, 2002 until the night before his tragic death unattended in the vet's hospital, Feb 11, 2003. He also used it comfortably and successfully. His asthma was not as controlled as Happy's, but we were going to work on that.

Ann

Name: Carol Anne
Aerokat: Ernie

The AeroKat has given me more control over Ernie's symptoms, thereby providing me with peace of mind that I didn't have before.

Carol Anne and Ernie

Name: Jean
Aerokat: Joey

When my vet suggested to replace conventional steroid injections with inhaled medications to control Joey's asthma, I thought no way would any cat let me do that. But I also knew it would a better choice for him health-wise and as each injection became less effective, I gave the inhaled medications a try.

After 2 years the new AeroKat came on the market. With it the medication seems to be even more effective than with the old mask and chamber which is made for human infants. The coughing episodes are far less and I credit the design of the AeroKat and its improved delivery of medication for a cat's needs.

Joey learned early on, not only that it helped him, but that it was a time of special attention and now is often eager to get his meds.

Jean and Joey

Name: Harry
Aerokat: Koko
Breed: Balinese

Koko, our 11 year old Balinese, had been using the AeroKat since August 2002. The results were remarkably good. In the first month we heard him cough only five times, where previously he coughed that many times every day.

We used two puffs of Flovent® every morning and every evening. There was absolutely no doubt in my mind of the AeroKat's efficiency. The only difficulty that we had with the AeroKat was Koko's reaction to the puffs of Flovent® when we put the mask up to his muzzle. We took the advice to use the back-of-the-hand method and placed the mask against his muzzle after the puffs were released.

In December 2002, Koko was diagnosed with an inoperable squamous cell carcinoma on his upper jaw. In January 2003 one of our vets came to the house and we were able to end his discomfort very peacefully.

We are particularly indebted to the Feline Asthma Inhaled Meds Yahoo Group for the help and useful information that enabled us to successfully control the awful coughing that Koko had experienced as a result of his asthma. Everyone's help and the AeroKat device made our little guy's life better. We only wish that it could have continued longer.

Our thanks again to all of you at FAIM and Trudell for your help in making Koko's life with feline asthma pleasant and comfortable. Koko was a beautiful cat in every way. He had such a loving personality and we miss him very much.

Harry and Koko

Name: Barbara
Aerokat: Sabre
Date inhaled meds began: August, 2001

Sabre was our vet's first client on inhaled meds. The vet was content to continue the depo injections, but I was really against it and after doing my own research brought him Dr. Padrid's protocol to consider.

We started Sabre on inhaled meds in August '01, but took a break for about 3 months (Dec. '01-Feb. '02) because of the cost of Flovent. Since Feb. '02, he has been on them consistently and Sabre's asthma is now under control. While there have been some radiographic changes in his lungs consistent with asthma, the vet says that his condition would be considered mild, which is very good considering Sabre has had asthma for 8 years.

The vet now feels that the switch from depo injections to inhaled meds has been successful and in Sabre's best interest. Sabre still occasionally needs Albuterol, but never more than a few days each month. The AeroKat is a more efficient delivery system than the initial chamber we used and has now saved us money by decreasing the number of puffs Sabre needs and the number of vet visits.

We are very please with how the AeroKat and inhaled meds have improved Sabre's immediate and long term health.

Barbara & Sabre

Name: Lana
Aerokat: Shadow

Shadow is doing great! I LOVE the AeroKat, I'm convinced he is getting much more of the medication now.

Lana & Shadow

Name: Diane
AeroKat: La Petite Folie

La Petite Folie faisait des crises d'asthme si rapprochées, et parfois même en recevant ses comprimés de broncho-dilatation...elle devait prendre du Prednisone chaque jour. J'étais

désespérée, quand ma vétérinaire, revenant d'un congrès m'a mentionné qu'il existait des pompes inhalatrices; elle m'a donné les adresses, j'ai commandé la pompe Aérokat et avec son appui nous avons commencé les traitements, en diminuant très graduellement la cortisone. C'était merveilleux elle n'a plus JAMAIS refait de crise durant tout ce temps, n'a jamais même eu besoin de Ventolin. Le Flovent suffit, soir et matin. Je suis ravie et n'hésitez pas à faire l'expérience c'est tellement positif.

Diane

Name: Sheryl
Aerokat: Clouseau

Clou first started having coughing attacks when he was 9-10 months old~ it was diagnosed as "hairballs", "pneumonia", "allergy", etc... for years, and treated with antibiotics and prednisone. By the time it was correctly diagnosed (he was 7 years old), we were at the emergency vet every 4-6 weeks (or more often) with severe respiratory distress and he was receiving depomedrol shots, prednisone & terbutiline. He HATES pills, and our life had become a big nightmare of fighting to get meds in him, dragging him to the vet, and sticking him in our home oxygen tank during times of distress. Since he started on the IM in November 2002, we (knock wood) haven't been to the vet since with him, and he has very few coughing fits- and no severe asthma attacks. After an adjustment period Clou accepts the inhaler very well and has become a totally happy kitty.

Sheryl & Clouseau & zoo

Name: Alison
Aerokat: Lucy

Lucy is 9-years old. She came to me at about 6 months and began to cough soon after. She was diagnosed with asthma and treated with regular Depo-Medrol shots for 6-7 years before we changed our vet. Under his guidance we began to seek out alternatives to the shots, which were becoming less and less effective. Through the "Fritz the Brave" website we became familiar with the inhaled medication system and ordered our Aerokat. It has been a real relief to Lucy and to me. It's easy to use and delivers her meds easily and accurately. I no longer have to worry about getting to the vet on time if she starts to cough but simply use my Aerokat to deliver her "emergency meds". Her daily doses are made fun with a tasty treat.

Thanks to Aerokat Lucy is stable and her asthma is under control.

Alison

Name: Eleni
Aerokat: Charlie

"Charlie and I like the AeroKat, it really works!"

Sam

Name: Moya

Aerokat: Harry

Thank you for saving my cat Harry's life.

After three years on monthly depomedrol shots, I thought Harry's days were limited. I have tried numerous attempts to control his asthma - nothing has worked. Harry has been using the Aerokat for 2 full months now with huge success (down to 1 puff a day!).

Harry is his old self again - he feels so great. He's running and playing again - all thanks to you. I very much appreciate your efforts to design something that helps such a small percentage of cats. I have told all the vets Harry has visited about your wonderful product.

Again - thanks for giving me back my cat!!

Moya

Name: Doreen

Aerokat: Sherlock

Age: 9 years

I recently purchased your AeroKat chamber for my cat Sherlock who has been having breathing problems for a few years now. After much research between his vet and myself, we came to a conclusion that he has some type of asthma or sinusitis. He has been on broncilorator medication and steriods for over 2 years and it hasn't helped.

Sherlock has been using the AeroKat along with FloVent since mid July and has been breathing great. I can even hear him purring now (which I couldn't hear before). Your product makes it very easy to administer his medication and he doesn't seem to mind it at all. Your video instructions were also very helpful. We had results almost immediately since the AeroKat. He's steriod free now and his vet and I are very happy.

Thank you for making such a great product. I am attaching a photo of Sherlock and as you can see...he doesn't mind the AeroKat at all.

Doreen

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