

PIPOLINO's technical characteristics meet most cat owners' expectations:

- A device for use by all cats, (whatever their morphology and age,) from two months onwards.
- A device which caters for different circumstances and problems which commonly arise: the dispenser comprises variable degrees of distribution depending on the level of physical exertion sought.
- A device suitable for all types of cat pellets: the dispenser can be adapted to **most sizes and shapes of dry cat pellets**.
- A device which is simple to use for the cat as well as its owner, and which functions without any source of energy such as batteries.
- An inoffensive device which will neither harm the cat nor the surrounding furniture, and will not create a noise disturbance for the owner.
- A device which is easy to maintain.
- An economic device which enables reduced consumption as well as conservation of flavour, preserving the desirability of the pellets.
- A device which is ideal for weekend absences.



The cat never scatters pellets in the house or apartment, partly thanks to the internal feature which absorbs kinetic energy when the dispenser contains pellets, and partly due to the cat's "philosophy of the least effort" whereby it prefers harvesting pellets which are already on the ground before moving the dispenser again if it is still hungry.

Results based on actual experiences:

"BUNKER" 5 months old, tends to be hyperactive

This 5 month old kitten has been using **PIPOLINO** for 2 months; **being hyperactive, he uses PIPOLINO as a playmate with which to burn up its excess energy**.

"CAT-CAT" 21 years old, a compulsive overeater

This 21 year old Siamese tabby used to drift from its basket to the pellet dish without ever going out, and would regurgitate her food 2 or 3 times a week. Since using **PIPOLINO** she has stopped vomiting and has built-up her muscles. **She now leaves the house every day by climbing over a wall, something she had not done for months**.

"POMPONETTE" overweight

This tabby slimmed from 7.2 kg to 6.3 kg following less than one month's use of **PIPOLINO** which was set to a minimal setting suited to loss of weight, whereas she had not shed any weight for a number of years, in spite of being rationed on the same diet food.



When All Other Access To Food Is Eliminated Or Substantially Reduced, All Cats Quickly Master The Use Of PIPOLINO.



TESTIMONIALS

« I fully intend using the pellet dispenser PIPOLINO, particularly in cases of cats which are hyperactive, anxiety prone, compulsive eaters or overweight, and/or aggressive, in order to feed them without restricting the quantity of food. I am also going to use the dispenser with cats which are house bound, and which are often deprived of company and are consequently bored, as well as with puppies in order to channel their activities and to limit the damage they cause.

I believe there is considerable potential for this pellet dispenser to be adopted by numerous cat owners. This will enable them to feed their cats ethologically, with frequent small meals devoid of rationing, which constitutes the prime challenge for owners who wish to respect the recommended dosage of nutrients with ease, no wastage of time, and no misgivings. This is acknowledged as one of the prime causes of aggressiveness in indoor cats. I consider PIPOLINO to be an extremely useful invention which favours the wellbeing of the creature! I have been searching for such a dispenser for a long time....! »

Dr. Villars, Veterinary Surgeon, specialist in behavioural studies (DEVF).

« The PIPOLINO constitutes a revolution in the method of feeding indoor cats, favouring their satisfaction and their health, but also stimulating their ability to think in the process of searching for food. A cat has a natural need to hunt and play. The PIPOLINO consequently allows the cat to reproduce predatory and playful behaviours whilst indoors. This playfulness, in addition to providing the satisfaction of feeding, occupies the cat during hours of solitude. It is a device which enhances the surroundings and leads to loss of weight in obese cats. It distracts a bored cat and allows an increased level of physical activity. »

Extract from: "On the Subject of your Cat's Behaviour" (Published in "Le Courrier du Livre") by Dr Monique Bourdin, Behavioural Veterinarian in charge of lectures and consultations on behavioural problems in cats and dogs at The National Veterinary School, Maison-Alfort, France.

« The PIPOLINO allows the ingestion of nutrients to be spread over 2 to 4 hours, thus facilitating the observance of ethological (hunting activity) and physiological needs of the cat. The use of PIPOLINO during a number of hours each day reduces redirected behaviours such as the harassment of cats within a group, and the predatory aggressions directed at people (ankles, hands, and heads). This usage encourages the resumption of playfulness, the loss of excess weight, and the reduction of behavioural and psychosomatic disorders linked to stress from inactivity. »

Extract from: "All there is to know on the Psychology of the Cat" (Published by: Odile Jacob), by Dr Joël Dehasse, Veterinarian & Behavioural specialist for cats and dogs.

IMPORTANT

The PIPOLINO will be used to its full potential by your cat if the following conditions are observed during the initial period of adaptation:

- Hunger must be the prime motivation
- No other source of nourishment must be accessible
- It may be necessary to occasionally place a few pellets on the ground under the PIPOLINO
- Do not move or roll the **PIPOLINO** with a view to showing your cat that it contains pellets
- If your cat insists on having its usual feeding bowl by meowing loudly rather than using the **PIPOLINO**, it is preferable to leave the cat alone with the dispenser for a number of hours rather than giving in; the cat will quieten down when the person(s) feeding it leave, and hunger will lead it to use the **PIPOLINO**.

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My mobile pellet dispenser



Pipolino

The Anti-stress Home Trainer

An overview of the PIPOLINO

PIPOLINO's objective is to provide all indoor cats with sufficient physical exercise, many times a day, whilst emulating their predatory instincts. **PIPOLINO** enables the cat to exert itself daily to an extent comparable to that required by having to hunt for its food. **PIPOLINO** thus provides the advantages, but not the dangers, of cats having access outdoors by considerably reducing the risks of exposure to disease, and by enhancing their life expectancy.

For an adult cat living indoors, the absence of predatory activity is synonymous with boredom.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTING CONSEQUENCES?

Boredom leads to depression, which leads to anxiety and ultimately stress.

Le stress peut avoir plusieurs conséquences, qui sont :

Stress can have a number of consequences, namely:

Disorders which are behavioural: Compulsive feeding; hasty ingestion often resulting in regurgitation shortly afterwards.

Aggressiveness towards other cats or people: "aggressiveness due to the absence of predation".

Dirtiness: soiling (mainly urine) outside the litter.

Nervous grooming: often of the lower abdomen leading to progressive loss of hair.

Facial dermatitis: inflammation of skin around forehead (pheromone glands).

Idiopathic cystitis: the cat urinates often without the presence of any bacterial infection or other urinary disorders.

Disorders which are physiological:

Anxiety leads to stress related hyperglycaemia (habitual stimuli will, during a spell of stress related anxiety, increase blood sugar levels).

The repetition of these stresses lead to a pre-diabetic condition, the consequences of which include:

Accumulation of fat: **stoutness, obesity.**

Immunodepression (reduction in the ability of the immune system: viruses, bacteria, microscopic fungi, protozoa)

with the risk of **acute infections (abscesses, pneumonia, acute nephritis)** and mainly **chronic infections** which often become recurrent after medication, primarily consisting of antibiotics (**stomatitis, gingivitis, gastritis, cystitis, nephritis, otitis**).

Healing problems: following surgery, ulcers which manifest themselves with pain (gastralgia, gingivitis) or bleeding (**haematuria**; blood in urine).

PIPOLINO will in almost all of these cases allow:

- A **reduction of boredom** and an improvement of **wellbeing**, often manifested by a return to playfulness;
- A **decrease in obesity**;
- An **immediate regression of depression, overeating, aggressiveness, and dirtiness**; A recovery, within a few days to a few weeks, of the other conditions described above, when associated with medical treatments.



PIPOLINO

PIPOLINO is a mobile pellet dispenser dedicated to indoor cats which **revolutionises the current concept of their nutrition**. Its cylindrical shape allows the release of pellets when the cat seeks their distribution by rolling it along the ground, based on the cat's "philosophy of the least effort" in which cats excel.

This device has been conceived by **Dr Pascal Lescoart**, a French veterinarian, with a view to overcoming the risks inherent in the

sedentariness of indoor cats (**boredom, stress, depression**, behavioural disorders, obesity, overeating, muscle-loss, premature ageing). **PIPOLINO** allows indoor cats to resume a form of activity which corresponds to their predatory instincts.



PIPOLINO'S MAJOR FUNDAMENTALS

CATS WHICH USE **PIPOLINO** CONSUME ALL THE PELLETS RELEASED, AND CLEAR THE GROUND BEFORE SEEKING FURTHER RELEASES.

PIPOLINO PREVENTS IDLENESS WHICH PROMOTES EXCESS WEIGHT, BOREDOM AND MUSCLE-LOSS WHICH CAUSE OBESITY, BEHAVIOURAL DISORDERS, AND MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

PIPOLINO FAVOURABLY REPLACES BOWLS, PLATES AND FIXED PELLET DISPENSERS WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING AND ASSISTING IN THE TREATMENT OF THESE AILMENTS.

PIPOLINO REQUIRES NO MAINTENANCE, AND IS SIMPLE TO USE BY THE OWNER OF THE CAT WHO IS EASILY ABLE TO ADJUST THE QUANTITIES OF PELLETS RELEASED TO SUIT THE CAT'S REQUIREMENTS (GROWTH-PREGNANCY-SUCKLING / MAINTENANCE-PLAYFULNESS / WEIGHT CONTROL).

IF **PIPOLINO** IS THE SOLE SOURCE OF NUTRITION, ALL KITTENS OVER 2 MONTHS, AND ALL OTHER CATS, EVEN IF AGED, ADAPT TO ITS USE VERY QUICKLY.

The conception

The merit for the conception of **PIPOLINO** rests with the French veterinarian, Dr Pascal Lescoart. Having been confronted with the disorders of indoor cats in his daily practice, he has applied his accumulated understanding of their ethology to provide them with the necessary daily physical activity required to satisfy their natural requirements.

Dr **Pascal Lescoart** is committed to the safeguard of animal wellbeing. He is the **co-author of "The National Charter of Urban Animals"** and co-organizer of "The National Day for Urban Animals", an event dedicated to the harmonious integration of pets within urban communities. (Examples of some of the themes addressed during these **annual meetings, which are open to the public**, and which take place in Cannes, France: "Useful animals, happy animals", "Playful animals, happy animals", "Sportive animals, happy animals").

The needs and disorders of the sedentary cat

Cats are **the type** of predator which hunts to subsist and play. They therefore requires sufficient daily activity to maintain their physical and mental condition. If indoor cats have certain advantages over outdoor ones (far lower exposure to accidents, wounds, poisoning, contagious illnesses from other cats, or parasites), they also have no scope to use their physical aptitudes by roaming the countryside and using their predatory abilities. Only a few exceptions, consisting of perpetually playful cats whose owners can devote sufficient time to

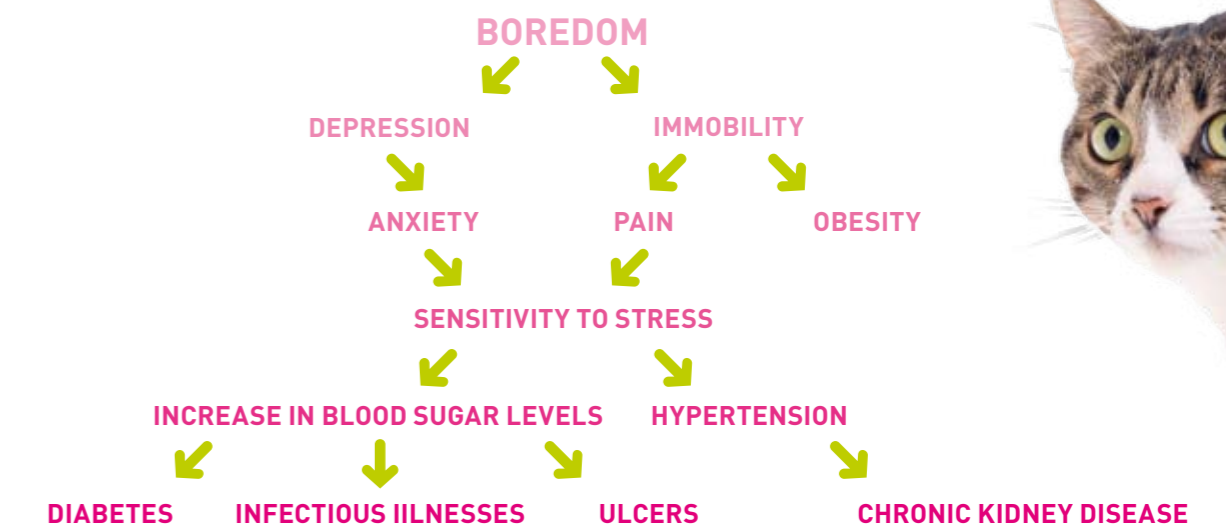
play with them, avoid the sedentariness which causes so many health problems.

Hence, for numerous indoor cats, whose sole distraction is often limited to feeding, the few strides taken during a day between their

baskets and their bowls are not enough to avoid excessive weight or obesity which are conducive to metabolic ailments, diminishing life expectancy and rendering the efficiency of medication less certain.

In other indoor cats, those more prone to stress, or less gluttonous or whose owners restrict feeding, there is also the risk that behavioural ailments will occur (certain forms of aggressiveness, nervous grooming, bulimia...) often requiring constant medical treatment which is expensive and occasionally disappointing.

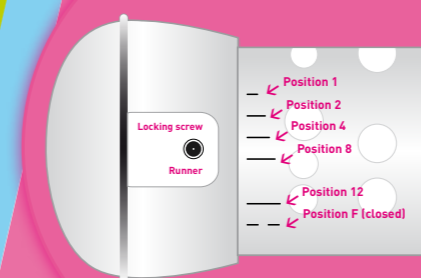
Evolution of ailments in sedentary cats



The dispenser

PIPOLINO is shaped like a tube and comprises two **independent** concentric cylinders, one of which, with a slightly smaller diameter, is placed inside in the other. Both have a series of matching perforations of varying sizes. **When the cylinders are rotated within each other**, the perforations are made to coincide providing variable sized openings through which the pellets, which have previously been placed in the innermost cylinder, are able to

gravitate outwards. Two fixed wheels are located at either end thus avoiding the crushing of extracted pellets. The wheels have rubber treads which dampen the noise. Depending on the position selected for the openings, the dispenser has 5 levels of output which allow 1,2,4,8 or 12 pellets or granules to be released for each rotation. This represents about 3,6,12,24 OR 36 pellets or granules per meter of movement, but the exact numbers may vary depending on the characteristics of the contents. **PIPOLINO** is manufactured out of plastics approved for contact with food, and is dishwasher proof.



Size: Length 26 cm
Diameter of cylinders 8 cm
Weight: 440 grams

