

## **Clean air prevents illness among cats**

***A Danish cat breeder has solved a recurring problem regarding his kittens' strenuous and costly periods of illness by using a solution that is simple as well as very high-tech.***

During a standard play session full of energy, the longhaired kittens tumble around with each other, sprint randomly in different directions before they end up tumbling with each other again. These kittens, which are just 12 weeks old, appear very healthy and that of course pleases their owner, Nils Christiansen. He is an experienced Danish cat breeder who always accommodates seven or eight Maine Coon cats at his cattery, Nordic Breed.

*– It is a hobby of mine that I do alongside my full-time job as a nurse. I breed cats, find the right cats for mating and provide kittens that are very characteristic of their breed, which I then sell as pets to loving families or for further breeding, says Nils Christiansen, whose kitten litters were tormented by prolonged periods of diarrhoea. He did everything to keep the area clean, but was never able to fully stamp out the contagious bacteria.*

*– It increases the infection pressure significantly when several cats walk up and down one another, so they were constantly keeping each other ill. It is obviously not nice for the cats and it is not nice for us to see them like that. It also cost me a lot of money. On several occasions, I have had to buy diarrhoea antibiotics from the vet, which has cost me EUR 1400 on every occasion, says Nils Christiansen.*

### **Two years without illness**

After a treatment process that cured all of the cats, Nils Christiansen continued to search for a more permanent solution to the recurring illness problems. He heard of a machine, the MAC 500, that cleans the air and removes bacteria. Nils Christiansen acted swiftly and ordered one of these air purifiers. Manufactured by the Danish company Jimco, it is essentially a metal box the same size as a shoebox. Without using any chemicals, it removes bacteria, viruses and other damaged particles in the air. Jimco has won the EU's Environmental Award for its technology.

*– I placed the box just below the ceiling of the room in which the litter trays are, and I could feel the difference immediately. It is hard to explain, but the air just felt cleaner and the smell from the litter trays had almost completely gone. I was surprised that the air purifier worked so quickly, says Nils Christiansen.*

It has been two years since he acquired the air purifier, and the litters have not experienced any problems with illnesses since then.

*– I had never imagined that the air purifier would be so efficient, so I am really pleased. As long as it is switched on, I do not have any ill cats. I am very happy and it has been a really good investment, says Nils Christiansen.*

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