

## REDUCE THE RISK

*Kittens and young cats are less apt to develop hairballs than older cats that, as well-experienced groomers, are likely to spend a good portion of their waking hours busily licking their coats. Long-haired breeds — such as Persians and Maine Coons — may be at greater risk for developing hairballs than are short-haired breeds. Some cats are, by nature, more fastidious than others in their grooming habits. And the development of hairballs is more frequent in seasons of the year when cats normally shed their coats.*

*To minimize the development of hairballs, Dr. Goldstein recommends that owners get into the habit of brushing and combing their cats' coats daily.*