A QUICK TEST FOR DEHYDRATION

To keep your cat happily hydrated, observe his water consumption to learn what's normal for him. Monitoring his intake can alert you to problems, and the sooner they're identified, the sooner they can be treated.

Do regular "hydration checks" by gently pinching the loose skin at the nape of the neck, then releasing it. If it springs back, your cat is sufficiently hydrated. If it remains "tented," then settles slowly, consult with his veterinarian promptly.