




Cat (*Felis domesticus*)

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- Cat is in fact a pet, which doesn't require **any special attention**. Hence it is easier to maintain cats than dogs.
 - They also don't **need any training** as their learning is limited for their own requirement.
 - Life span **10-14** years.

Long hair cat

1. Angora
2. Barman's
3. Persian
4. Canvas
5. Chinchilla
6. Cream
7. Tabby
8. Japanese bob tail

Short hair cats

1. Abyssinians
2. Siamese
3. American short hair
4. Russian blue
5. Manx
6. Rex
7. British blue

Popular breeds of Cats

- **Angora** cat
- **France**
- Angora **smallest** cat with **blue or amber** colour eyes.
- Characteristic feature is presence of **tufts** in between the toes.





Furry toe hair!



Abyssinian

- Britain
- The cat is **intelligent** and does not like confinement



Japanese Bob Tail

- Longer hind limbs than front but little bit angled toward front.
- This is treated for “Good Luck”



Bob Tail



Persian

- Derived from Angora. They have long flowing silky coat.



Siamese

- Intelligent and much popular.
- Eyes are usually blue and almond.





Tabby

- The breed is “most popular all over the world”, Strips from “M” on fore card which suggest prophet “Mohammad”.



Cat Breeds in India

Leopard cat

- East India
- leopard-like spots and having size of a domestic cat



Rusty-spotted Cat

- Southern India
- This world's **smallest wild cat** is grey in color with rusty spots over the back and thigh.



Himalayan Cat

- Origin: USA
- Himalayan cats are having short legs and round body.
- They are having different types of coats like Blue point, Lilac point and cream point.
- Their face types can be divided into two types: doll-face and the peke-faced.



Bombay Cat

- Origin: United States
- This social breed cat is black in color with short hair. They are having yellow eyes and glossy coats.



Bengal Cat

- Origin: United States
- Bengal cats are a hybrid of the Asian Leopard Cat and domestic cats.
- They have two basic fur patterns: common spotted pattern and swirly marbled.



Cat Breeding

- Cats get matured at the age 5 to 6 months.
- The gestation period is 60 to 65 days(litter size 3-7 kittens at a time), yearly cat can produce three litters.

Housing of cat

- In real sence, cats don't require any elaborate or separate housing. Because it is **clean and nearly complete pet**.
- Such a place should be provided with **warm basket having half-covered top**.

Housing can be broadly classified into **two** groups.

1. Indoor
2. outdoor





Cat Management

- Short hair cats don't require grooming because they clean their coat by licking. But it is advisable to practice combing once a day, which avoids falling of hairs home.
- It is not possible to train cats as that of dog for various commands, sports or work, however they can be instructed and made obedient for toilet manners.

Feeding of cats

- Cat cannot digest dry food in large amount.
- Normal food is $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk and 80 gm of cooked meat and some biscuits.
- Cats can not synthesize vitamin-A, green vegetable like carrot can fulfill this need.

- They daily food requirement is around **25** gm/kg of BW.
- On an average cat weighs **4-5kg** hence require about **110 to 115 g** of food daily.
- **Need adequate water**, in absence of which they may develop severe constipation leading to hard **fecal stones** and kidney damage.

Feeding of kitten

- Mother's milk up to 7 – 8 weeks of age.
- After this offered cow's milk glucose or dried milk powder.
- Fostering.
- Kitten should be fed every 3-4 hours with feeding bottle.
- Rubbing of kitten's belly, after sucking the milk helps in stimulating digestive system for digestion as well as urination and passing of stools.

Vices in cats

1. **Fly/bird catching** : In spite of good feeding cats kill birds. Some cats develop habit of catching flies.
2. **Spraying** : Mostly un-castrated **tomes** spray their urine to mark the territory.
3. **Caprophagia** : This vice may be due to **imbalanced feeding**, deficiency of phosphorous or **worm** infestation.



4. **Shouting** : gurgling or marking loud noise at the time of estrous or mating.

5. **Cannibalism** : Eating of own kittens. Separation of kittens soon after **queening** and close watch is remedy to control the vice.