

Cat – *Felis domesticus*

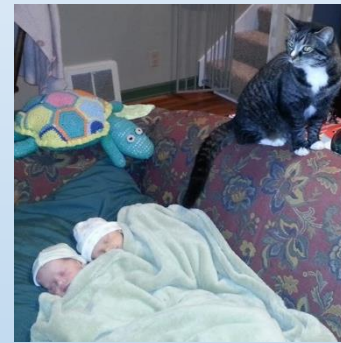
Description: Cats are generally small (10-15 pounds), have fur covering their skin, and come in a variety of colors. Most have long tails (although some are cropped short). They often have patterns of regular variation in their colors but it is not unusual for cats to be one solid color. Like all mammals, they have four legs and feed their young milk.



Feeding Type: Cats are carnivorous predators although when domesticated they obtain most of their nutrition from packaged food. They have raspy tongues that help them consume every morsel of available food.



Pollution Sensitivity: Cats prefer tidy environments and are fastidious in their grooming. They will avoid eating in dirty conditions if possible.



Habitat Preferences: Cats live both inside and outdoors. They avoid water and enjoy warm weather. They rest in small, soft areas such as blankets or pillows and are known to bask in the sunlight.

