

Neutering a male cat will, in almost all cases, stop him from spraying (territorial marking), fighting with other males (at least over females), as well as lengthen his life and improve its quality.

The first cat show was organized in 1871 in London. Cat shows later became a worldwide craze.

In relation to their body size, cats have the largest eyes of any mammal.

Kittens remain with their mother till the age of 9 weeks.

The earliest ancestor of the modern cat lived about 30 million years ago. Scientists called it the *Proailurus*, which means “first cat” in Greek. The group of animals that pet cats belong to emerged around 12 million years ago.

The domestic cat is the only species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. You can also learn about your cat's present state of mind by observing the posture of his tail.

The oldest cat to give birth was Kitty who, at the age of 30, gave birth to two kittens. During her life, she gave birth to 218 kittens.

Cats, especially older cats, do get cancer. Many times this disease can be treated successfully.

The lightest cat on record is a blue point Himalayan called Tinker Toy, who weighed 1 pound, 6 ounces (616 g). Tinker Toy was 2.75 inches (7 cm) tall and 7.5 inches (19 cm) long.

Cats walk on their toes.

Cats' eyes shine in the dark because of the tapetum, a reflective layer in the eye, which acts like a mirror.

Your cat's heart beats at a rate almost double that of yours, from 110-140 beats per minute.