

0. A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance.
1. The first cat show was in 1871 at the Crystal Palace in London.
2. When your cat rubs up against you, she is actually marking you as hers with her scent. If your cat pushes his face against your head"
3. Polydactyl cats (a cat with 1-2 extra toes on their paws) have this as a result of a genetic mutation. These cats are also referred to as 'Hemingway cats' because writer Ernest Hemingway reportedly owned dozens of them at his home in Key West, Florida.
4. A female cat is called a queen or a molly.
5. The largest breed of cat is the Ragdoll with males weighing in at 15 to 20 lbs. The heaviest domestic cat on record was a neutered male tabby named Himmy from Queensland, Australia who weighed 46 lbs. 15 oz.
6. Cats' hearing stops at 65 khz (kilohertz); humans' hearing stops at 20 khz.
7. Every year, nearly four million cats are eaten in Asia.
8. The cat's clavicle, or collarbone, does not connect with other bones but is buried in the muscles of the shoulder region. This lack of a functioning collarbone allows them to fit through any opening the size of their head.
9. The most popular pedigree cat is the Persian cat, followed by the Main Coon cat and the Siamese cat.
10. Grown cats have 30 teeth. Kittens have about 26 temporary teeth, which they lose when they are about 6 months old.
11. Tigers are excellent swimmers and do not avoid water.
12. Cats lose almost as much fluid in the saliva while grooming themselves as they do through urination.
13. A cat's hearing is much more sensitive than humans and dogs.
14. In 1987 cats overtook dogs as the number one pet in America.
15. The little tufts of hair in a cat's ear that help keep out dirt direct sounds into the ear, and insulate the ears are called "ear furnishings."
16. There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world, with approximately 40 recognized breeds.
17. The Maine Coon is 4 to 5 times larger than the Singapura, the smallest breed of cat.
18. The leopard is the most widespread of all big cats.
19. Some Siamese cats appear cross-eyed because the nerves from the left side of the brain go to mostly the right eye and the nerves from the right side of the brain go mostly to the left eye. This causes some double vision, which the cat tries to correct by "crossing" its eyes.
20. The average lifespan of an outdoor-only (feral and non-feral) is about 3 years; an indoor-only cat can live 16 years and longer. Some cats have been documented to have a longevity of 34 years.

21. The normal body temperature of a cat is between 100.5 ° and 102.5 °F. A cat is sick if its temperature goes below 100 ° or above 103 °F.
22. Cats often overreact to unexpected stimuli because of their extremely sensitive nervous system.
23. Cats only sweat through their paws and nowhere else on their body
24. Blue-eyed, pure white cats are frequently deaf.
25. Long, muscular hind legs enable snow leopards to leap seven times their own body length in a single bound.
26. In one stride, a cheetah can cover 23 to 26 feet (7 to 8 meters).
27. Cats have the largest eyes of any mammal.
28. Cats are North America's most popular pets: there are 73 million cats compared to 63 million dogs. Over 30% of households in North America own a cat.
29. Among many other diseases, cats can suffer from anorexia, senility, feline AIDS and acne.
30. There is a species of cat smaller than the average housecat. It is native to Africa and it is the Black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*). Its top weight is 5.5 pounds.
31. Both humans and cats have identical regions in the brain responsible for emotion.
32. After humans, mountain lions have the largest range of any mammal in the Western Hemisphere.
33. If your cat snores, or rolls over on his back to expose his belly, it means he trusts you.
34. Unlike other cats, lions have a tuft of hair at the end of their tails.
35. The smallest wildcat today is the Black-footed cat. The females are less than 20 inches (50 cm) long and can weigh as little as 2.5 lbs (1.2 kg).
36. A female cat will be pregnant for approximately 9 weeks or between 62 and 65 days from conception to delivery.
37. Fossil records from two million years ago show evidence of jaguars.
38. A cat has more bones than a human; humans have 206, and the cat - 230.
39. Cats see six times better in the dark and at night than humans.
40. Like birds, cats have a homing ability that uses its biological clock, the angle of the sun, and the Earth's magnetic field. A cat taken far from its home can return to it. But if a cat's owners move far from its home, the cat can't find them.
41. The first official cat show in the UK was organised at Crystal Palace in 1871.
42. Cats eat grass to aid their digestion and to help them get rid of any fur in their stomachs.
43. Contrary to popular belief, the cat is a social animal. A pet cat will respond and answer to speech, and seems to enjoy human companionship.

44. The Pilgrims were the first to introduce cats to North America.
45. Approximately 24 cat skins can make a coat.
46. Many cats love having their forehead gently stroked.
47. Tylenol and chocolate are both poisonous to cats.
48. Cats that live together sometimes rub each others heads to show that they have no intention of fighting. Young cats do this more often, especially when they are excited.
49. It may take as long as 2 weeks for a kitten to be able to hear well. Their eyes usually open between 7 and 10 days, but sometimes it happens in as little as 2 days.
50. The claws on the cat's back paws aren't as sharp as the claws on the front paws because the claws in the back don't retract and, consequently, become worn.
51. Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day. When cats are asleep, they are still alert to incoming stimuli. If you poke the tail of a sleeping cat, it will respond accordingly.
52. Cats lap liquid from the underside of their tongue, not from the top.
53. A cat has two vocal chords, and can make over 100 sounds.
54. A cat's appetite is the barometer of its health. Any cat that does not eat or drink for more than two days should be taken to a vet.
55. Jaguars are the only big cats that don't roar.
56. While many cats enjoy milk, it will give some cats diarrhea.
57. Cheetahs do not roar, as the other big cats do. Instead, they purr.
58. The cheetah is the world's fastest land mammal. It can run at speeds of up to 70 miles an hour (113 kilometers an hour).
59. Researchers are unsure exactly how a cat purrs. Most veterinarians believe that a cat purrs by vibrating vocal folds deep in the throat. To do this, a muscle in the larynx opens and closes the air passage about 25 times per second.
60. The smallest pedigreed cat is a Singapura, which can weigh just 4 lbs (1.8 kg), or about five large cans of cat food. The largest pedigreed cats are Maine Coon cats, which can weigh 25 lbs (11.3 kg), or nearly twice as much as an average cat weighs.
61. Cats come back to full alertness from the sleep state faster than any other creature.
62. The average litter of kittens is between 2 - 6 kittens.
63. Tests done by the Behavioral Department of the Museum of Natural History conclude that while a dog's memory lasts about 5 minutes, a cat's recall can last as long as 16 hours.
64. Cats, just like people, are subject to asthma. Dust, smoke, and other forms of air pollution in your cat's environment can be troublesome sources of irritation.
65. Not every cat gets "high" from catnip. Whether or not a cat responds to it depends upon a recessive gene:

no gene"

66.Cats step with both left legs, then both right legs when they walk or run.

67.Cats walk on their toes.

68.Cats with long, lean bodies are more likely to be outgoing, and more protective and vocal than those with a stocky build.

69.In 1987, cats overtook dogs as the number one pet in America (about 50 million cats resided in 24 million homes in 1986). About 37% of American homes today have at least one cat.

70.Cats have "nine lives" thanks to a flexible spine and powerful leg and back muscles

71.When a cat chases its prey, it keeps its head level. Dogs and humans bob their heads up and down.

72.You check your cats pulse on the inside of the back thigh, where the leg joins to the body. Normal for cats: 110-170 beats per minute.

73.Cats only use their meows to talk to humans, not each other. The only time they meow to communicate with other felines is when they are kittens to signal to their mother.

74.The oldest cat on record was Crème Puff from Austin, Texas, who lived from 1967 to August 6, 2005, three days after her 38th birthday. A cat typically can live up to 20 years, which is equivalent to about 96 human years.

75.The longest living cat on record according to the Guinness Book belongs to the late Creme Puff of Austin, Texas who lived to the ripe old age of 38 years and 3 days!

76.Today there are about 100 distinct breeds of the domestic cat.

77.Ginger tabby cats can have freckles around their mouths and on their eyelids!

78.The cat appears to be the only domestic companion animal not mentioned in the Bible.

79.The strongest climber among the big cats, a leopard can carry prey twice its weight up a tree.