

Cats have 30 teeth (12 incisors, 10 premolars, 4 canines, and 4 molars), while dogs have 42. Kittens have baby teeth, which are replaced by permanent teeth around the age of 7 months.

Abraham Lincoln loved cats. He had four of them while he lived in the White House.

Cats do not think that they are little people. They think that we are big cats. This influences their behavior in many ways.

It has been scientifically proven that owning cats is good for our health and can decrease the occurrence of high blood pressure and other illnesses.

Cats have 3 eyelids.

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

Grown cats have 30 teeth. Kittens have about 26 temporary teeth, which they lose when they are about 6 months old.

Isaac Newton invented the cat flap. Newton was experimenting in a pitch-black room. Spithead, one of his cats, kept opening the door and wrecking his experiment. The cat flap kept both Newton and Spithead happy.

A cat's normal temperature varies around 101 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cats prefer to remain non-confrontational. They will not fight to show dominance, but rather to stake their territory. Cats will actually go to extremes to avoid one another in order to prevent a possible confrontation.

Female felines are \superfecund

A cat uses its whiskers for measuring distances. The whiskers of a cat are capable of registering very small changes in air pressure.

Cats make about 100 different sounds. Dogs make only about 10.

A kitten will typically weigh about 3 ounces at birth. The typical male housecat will weigh between 7 and 9 pounds, slightly less for female housecats.

A cat's field of vision is about 200 degrees.

British cat owners spend roughly 550 million pounds yearly on cat food.

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.

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.

In Siam, the cat was so revered that one rode in a chariot at the head of a parade celebrating the new king.

The cat who holds the record for the longest non-fatal fall is Andy. He fell from the 16th floor of an apartment building (about 200 ft/.06 km) and survived.

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.

A cat's hearing is better than a dog's. And a cat can hear high-frequency sounds up to two octaves higher than a human.

A cat will tremble or shiver when it is in extreme pain.

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

If they have ample water, cats can tolerate temperatures up to 133 °F.

If a cat is frightened, the hair stands up fairly evenly all over the body; when the cat is threatened or is ready to attack, the hair stands up only in a narrow band along the spine and tail.

Baking chocolate is the most dangerous chocolate to your cat.

An adult lion's roar can be heard up to five miles (eight kilometers) away.

Cats are the world's most popular pets, outnumbering dogs by as many as three to one.

Like humans, cats tend to favor one paw over another.

A cat's hearing is much more sensitive than humans and dogs.

Purring does not always indicate that a cat is happy. Cats will also purr loudly when they are distressed or in pain.

One reason that kittens sleep so much is because a growth hormone is released only during sleep.

The Amur leopard is one of the most endangered animals in the world.

Cats walk on their toes.

Siamese kittens are born white because of the heat inside the mother's uterus before birth. This heat keeps the kittens' hair from darkening on the points.

In Holland's embassy in Moscow, Russia, the staff noticed that the two Siamese cats kept meowing and clawing at the walls of the building. Their owners finally investigated, thinking they would find mice. Instead, they discovered microphones hidden by Russian spies. The cats heard the microphones when they turned on.

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

A cat's jaw can't move sideways, so a cat can't chew large chunks of food.

Cats lap liquid from the underside of their tongue, not from the top.

In just 7 years, one un-spayed female cat and one un-neutered male cat and their offspring can result in 420,000 kittens.

Cats have been domesticated for half as long as dogs have been.

Cats take between 20-40 breaths per minute.

Unlike humans, cats cannot detect sweetness which likely explains why they are not drawn to it at all.

Many cats love having their forehead gently stroked.

The life expectancy of cats has nearly doubled over the last fifty years.

While it is commonly thought that the ancient Egyptians were the first to domesticate cats, the oldest known pet cat was recently found in a 9,500-year-old grave on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. This grave predates early Egyptian art depicting cats by 4,000 years or more.

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

All cats have claws, and all except the cheetah sheath them when at rest.

The average cat can jump 8 feet in a single bound, nearly six times its body length!

Cat paws act as temperature regulators, shock absorbers, hunting and grooming tools, sensors, and more

According to a Gallup poll, most American pet owners obtain their cats by adopting strays.

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

Cat bites are more likely to become infected than dog bites.

A cat called Dusty has the known record for the most kittens. She had more than 420 kittens in her lifetime.

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.

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.