

A cat's eyesight is both better and worse than humans. It is better because cats can see in much dimmer light and they have a wider peripheral view. It's worse because they don't see color as well as humans do. Scientists believe grass appears red to cats.

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

Cats should not be fed tuna exclusively, as it lacks taurine, an essential nutrient required for good feline health. Make sure you have the proper Pet supplies to keep your cat happy and healthy.

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

A cat can jump 5 times as high as it is tall.

In 1987 cats overtook dogs as the number one pet in America.

Every year, nearly four million cats are eaten in Asia.

Tigers are excellent swimmers and do not avoid water.

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

The cat's tail is used to maintain balance.

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.

The chlorine in fresh tap water irritates sensitive parts of the cat's nose. Let tap water sit for 24 hours before giving it to a cat.

Since cats are so good at hiding illness, even a single instance of a symptom should be taken very seriously.

Blue-eyed, pure white cats are frequently deaf.

Female cats tend to be right pawed, while male cats are more often left pawed. Interestingly, while 90% of humans are right handed, the remaining 10% of lefties also tend to be male.

The group of words associated with cat (catt, cath, chat, katze) stem from the Latin catus, meaning domestic cat, as opposed to feles, or wild cat.

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.

The cat's front paw has 5 toes, but the back paws have 4. Some cats are born with as many as 7 front toes and extra back toes (polydactyl).

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

Long, muscular hind legs enable snow leopards to leap seven times their own body length in a single bound.

Many cats love having their forehead gently stroked.

Smuggling a cat out of ancient Egypt was punishable by death. Phoenician traders eventually succeeded in smuggling felines, which they sold to rich people in Athens and other important cities.

Cats are now Britain's favourite pet: there are 7.7 million cats as opposed to 6.6 million dogs.

Cats dislike citrus scent.

A cat has the ability to rotate their ears 180 degrees, with the help of 32 muscles that they use to control them.

A happy cat holds her tail high and steady.

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

There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world, with approximately 40 recognized breeds.

While many parts of Europe and North America consider the black cat a sign of bad luck, in Britain and Australia, black cats are considered lucky.

The first formal cat show was held in England in 1871; in America, in 1895.

Kittens who are taken along on short, trouble-free car trips to town tend to make good passengers when they get older. They get used to the sounds and motions of traveling and make less connection between the car and the visits to the vet.

Cats can predict earthquakes. We humans are not 100% sure how they do it. There are several different theories.

About 37% of American homes today have at least 1 cat.

A cat's nose is as unique as a human's fingerprint.

The world's rarest coffee, Kopi Luwak, comes from Indonesia where a wildcat known as the luwak lives. The cat eats coffee berries and the coffee beans inside pass through the stomach. The beans are harvested from the cat's dung heaps and then cleaned and roasted. Kopi Luwak sells for about \$500 for a 450 g (1 lb) bag.

Cats spend nearly 1/3 of their waking hours cleaning themselves.

Two members of the cat family are distinct from all others: the clouded leopard and the cheetah. The clouded leopard does not roar like other big cats, nor does it groom or rest like small cats. The cheetah is unique because it is a running cat; all others are leaping cats. They are leaping cats because they slowly stalk their prey and then leap on it.

According to Hebrew legend, Noah prayed to God for help protecting all the food he stored on the ark from being eaten by rats. In reply, God made the lion sneeze, and out popped a cat.

Cats have 300 million neurons; dogs have about 160 million

Both humans and cats have identical regions in the brain responsible for emotion.

In Japan, cats are thought to have the power to turn into super spirits when they die. This may be because according to the Buddhist religion, the body of the cat is the temporary resting place of very spiritual people.

Retractable claws are a physical phenomenon that sets cats apart from the rest of the animal kingdom. In the cat family, only cheetahs cannot retract their claws.

The average litter of kittens is between 2 - 6 kittens.

Cats purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine, about 26 cycles per second.

Female cats are polyestrous

Tylenol and chocolate are both poisonous to cats.

Like humans, cats tend to favor one paw over another

Cat families usually play best in even numbers. Cats and kittens should be acquired in pairs whenever possible.

Cats can judge within 3 inches the precise location of a sound being made 1 yard away.

There are approximately 100 breeds of cat.

The first commercially cloned pet was a cat named "Little Nicky." He cost his owner \$50,000, making him one of the most expensive cats ever.

The first cat in space was a French cat named Felicette (a.k.a. "Astrocat") In 1963, France blasted the cat into outer space. Electrodes implanted in her brains sent neurological signals back to Earth. She survived the trip.

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.

In 1888, more than 300,000 mummified cats were found an Egyptian cemetery. They were stripped of their wrappings and carted off to be used by farmers in England and the U.S. for fertilizer.

In an average year, cat owners in the United States spend over \$2 billion on cat food.

A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance.

The name "jaguar" comes from a Native American word meaning "he who kills with one leap".

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The leopard is the most widespread of all big cats.

Cats bury their feces to cover their trails from predators.

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

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

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!

A sexually-active feral tom-cat \owns\" an area of about three square miles and \\"sprays\" to mark his territory with strong smelling urine.\""

Sir Isaac Newton is credited with creating the concept for the pet door that many cats use today to travel

outdoors.

Cheetahs do not roar, as the other big cats do. Instead, they purr.

Purring does not always indicate that a cat is happy and healthy - some cats will purr loudly when they are terrified or in pain.

In the 1930s, two Russian biologists discovered that color change in Siamese kittens depend on their body temperature. Siamese cats carry albino genes that work only when the body temperature is above 98° F. If these kittens are left in a very warm room, their points won't darken and they will stay a creamy white.

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.

Foods that should not be given to cats include onions, garlic, green tomatoes, raw potatoes, chocolate, grapes, and raisins. Though milk is not toxic, it can cause an upset stomach and gas. Tylenol and aspirin are extremely toxic to cats, as are many common houseplants. Feeding cats dog food or canned tuna that's for human consumption can cause malnutrition.

Unlike humans, cats are usually lefties. Studies indicate that their left paw is typically their dominant paw.

A cat almost never meows at another cat, mostly just humans. Cats typically will spit, purr, and hiss at other cats.

70% of your cat's life is spent asleep.

Cats hate the water because their fur does not insulate well when it's wet. The Turkish Van, however, is one cat that likes swimming. Bred in central Asia, its coat has a unique texture that makes it water resistant.

After humans, mountain lions have the largest range of any mammal in the Western Hemisphere.

Miacis, the primitive ancestor of cats, was a small, tree-living creature of the late Eocene period, some 45 to 50 million years ago.

Cats come back to full alertness from the sleep state faster than any other creature.

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

Approximately 40,000 people are bitten by cats in the U.S. annually.

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

Fossil records from two million years ago show evidence of jaguars.

A cat's normal pulse is 140-240 beats per minute, with an average of 195.

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.

When a cat drinks, its tongue - which has tiny barbs on it - scoops the liquid up backwards.

A group of cats is called a clowder.

If your cat snores, or rolls over on his back to expose his belly, it means he trusts you.

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Cats must have fat in their diet because they can't produce it on their own.

Cats can jump up to 7 times their tail length.

The Maine Coon is 4 to 5 times larger than the Singapura, the smallest breed of cat.

Some cats have survived falls of over 65 feet (20 meters), due largely to their “righting reflex.” The eyes and balance organs in the inner ear tell it where it is in space so the cat can land on its feet. Even cats without a tail have this ability.

A cat lover is called an Ailurophilia (Greek: cat+lover).

In ancient Egypt, mummies were made of cats, and embalmed mice were placed with them in their tombs. In one ancient city, over 300,000 cat mummies were found.

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.

A female cat will be pregnant for approximately 9 weeks or between 62 and 65 days from conception to delivery.

Florence Nightingale owned more than 60 cats in her lifetime.

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.”

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

A tomcat (male cat) can begin mating when he is between 7 and 10 months old.