

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

Researchers believe the word “tabby” comes from Attabiyah, a neighborhood in Baghdad, Iraq. Tabbies got their name because their striped coats resembled the famous wavy patterns in the silk produced in this city.

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

Cats have supersonic hearing

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

Cats lived with soldiers in trenches, where they killed mice during World War I.

Milk can give some cats diarrhea.

A cat has 230 bones in its body. A human has 206. A cat has no collarbone, so it can fit through any opening the size of its head.

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.

A female cat can be referred to as a molly or a queen, and a male cat is often labeled as a tom.

Many Egyptians worshipped the goddess Bast, who had a woman’s body and a cat’s head.

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

The technical term for a cat’s hairball is a “bezoar.”

The ability of a cat to find its way home is called “psi-traveling.” Experts think cats either use the angle of the sunlight to find their way or that cats have magnetized cells in their brains that act as compasses.

Cats have 3 eyelids.

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

The heaviest cat on record is Himmy, a Tabby from Queensland, Australia. He weighed nearly 47 pounds (21 kg). He died at the age of 10.

Mohammed loved cats and reportedly his favorite cat, Muezza, was a tabby. Legend says that tabby cats have an “M” for Mohammed on top of their heads because Mohammad would often rest his hand on the cat’s head.

The life expectancy of cats has nearly doubled since 1930 - from 8 to 16 years.

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

Relative to its body size, the clouded leopard has the biggest canines of all animals’ canines. Its dagger-like teeth can be as long as 1.8 inches (4.5 cm).

A form of AIDS exists in cats.

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

Many cats love having their forehead gently stroked.

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.

Lions are the only cats that live in groups, called prides. Every female within the pride is usually related.

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

The largest cat breed is the Ragdoll. Male Ragdolls weigh between 12 and 20 lbs (5.4-9.0 k). Females weigh between 10 and 15 lbs (4.5-6.8 k).

Normal body temperature for a cat is 102 degrees F.

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

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

A healthy cat has a temperature between 38 and 39 degrees Celcius.

A cat can sprint at about thirty-one miles per hour.

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 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.

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.

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).

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 often overreact to unexpected stimuli because of their extremely sensitive nervous system.

The cat's footpads absorb the shocks of the landing when the cat jumps.

Spanish-Jewish folklore recounts that Adam's first wife, Lilith, became a black vampire cat, sucking the blood from sleeping babies. This may be the root of the superstition that a cat will smother a sleeping baby or suck out the child's breath.

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

Despite imagery of cats happily drinking milk from saucers, studies indicate that cats are actually lactose intolerant and should avoid it entirely.

A cat's nose pad is ridged with a unique pattern, just like the fingerprint of a human.

A cat can't climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way. To get

down from a tree, a cat must back down.

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.

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.

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.

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.

A cat usually has about 12 whiskers on each side of its face.

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 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.

In just seven years, a single pair of cats and their offspring could produce a staggering total of 420,000 kittens.

The first official cat show in the UK was organised at Crystal Palace in 1871.

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

In Ancient Egypt, when a person's house cat passed away, the owner would shave their eyebrows to reflect their grief.

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.

Edward Lear, author of \"The Owl and the Pussycat\", is said to have had his new house in San Remo built to exactly the same specification as his previous residence, so that his much-loved tabby, Foss, would immediately feel at home.\""

A cat named Dusty, aged 17, living in Bonham, Texas, USA, gave birth to her 420th kitten on June 23, 1952.

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

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.

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).

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.

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

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.

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.

A cat has the power to sometimes heal themselves by purring. A domestic cat's purr has a frequency of between 25 and 150 Hertz, which happens to be the frequency at which muscles and bones best grow and repair themselves.

Neutering a cat extends its life span by two or three years.

The way you treat kittens in the early stages of its life will render its personality traits later in life.

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

A cat rubs against people not only to be affectionate but also to mark out its territory with scent glands around its face. The tail area and paws also carry the cat's scent.

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

A cat can spend five or more hours a day grooming himself.

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

Cats eat grass to aid their digestion and to help them get rid of any fur in their stomachs.

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Perhaps the most famous comic cat is the Cheshire Cat in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. With the ability to disappear, this mysterious character embodies the magic and sorcery historically associated with cats.

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

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

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

Tigers are excellent swimmers and do not avoid water.

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In multi-cat households, cats of the opposite sex usually get along better.

Cats can jump up to 7 times their tail length.

Cats dislike citrus scent.

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.

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

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

In contrast to dogs, cats have not undergone major changes during their domestication process.

When a cat rubs up against you, the cat is marking you with its scent claiming ownership.

There are approximately 100 breeds of cat.

Unlike humans, cats do not need to blink their eyes on a regular basis to keep their eyes lubricated.

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

The biggest wildcat today is the Siberian Tiger. It can be more than 12 feet (3.6 m) long (about the size of a small car) and weigh up to 700 pounds (317 kg).

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.

The Maine Coon is the only native American long haired breed.

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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.

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.

Unlike dogs, cats do not have a sweet tooth. Scientists believe this is due to a mutation in a key taste receptor.

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

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

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.

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

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."

The Maine Coon cat is America's only natural breed of domestic feline. It is 4 to 5 times larger than the Singapura, the smallest breed of cat.

A cat has more bones than a human; humans have 206, but the cat has 230 (some cites list 245 bones, and state that bones may fuse together as the cat ages).

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.

Tabby cats are thought to get their name from Attab, a district in Baghdad, now the capital of Iraq.

The term "puss" is the root of the principal word for "cat" in the Romanian term pisica and the root of secondary words in Lithuanian (puz) and Low German puus. Some scholars suggest that "puss" could be imitative of the hissing sound used to get a cat's attention. As a slang word for the female pudenda, it could be associated with the connotation of a cat being soft, warm, and fuzzy.

Not every cat gets \high\" from catnip. Whether or not a cat responds to it depends upon a recessive gene: no gene"

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.

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.

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

Cats have 30 vertebrae (humans have 33 vertebrae during early development; 26 after the sacral and coccygeal regions fuse)

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

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.

Cats don't have sweat glands over their bodies like humans do. Instead, they sweat only through their paws.

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Heat occurs several times a year and can last anywhere from 3 to 15 days.

The Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) recognizes 44 breeds of cats.

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

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

Phoenician cargo ships are thought to have brought the first domesticated cats to Europe in about 900 BC.

A cat's back is extremely flexible because it has up to 53 loosely fitting vertebrae. Humans only have 34.

Approximately 1/3 of cat owners think their pets are able to read their minds.

On average, cats spend 2/3 of every day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has been awake for only three years of its life.

During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Pope Innocent VIII condemned cats as evil and thousands of cats were burned. Unfortunately, the widespread killing of cats led to an explosion of the rat population, which exacerbated the effects of the Black Death.

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

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

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

Some common houseplants poisonous to cats include: English Ivy, iris, mistletoe, philodendron, and yew.

A cat only has the ability to move their jaw up and down, not side to side like a human can.

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

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.

Mountain lions are strong jumpers, thanks to muscular hind legs that are longer than their front legs.

The first cartoon cat was Felix the Cat in 1919. In 1940, Tom and Jerry starred in the first theatrical cartoon "Puss Gets the Boot." In 1981 Andrew Lloyd Weber created the musical Cats, based on T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.

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.

The first true cats came into existence about 12 million years ago and were the Proailurus.

In the 1750s, Europeans introduced cats into the Americas to control pests.

The average lifespan of an outdoor-only cat is about 3 to 5 years while an indoor-only cat can live 16 years or much longer.

A 2007 Gallup poll revealed that both men and women were equally likely to own a cat.

The Ancient Egyptian word for cat was mau, which means "to see".

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

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.

The Pilgrims were the first to introduce cats to North America.

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.

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

Many cats cannot properly digest cow's milk. Milk and milk products give them diarrhea.

In 1888, more than 300,000 mummified cats were found in 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.

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.

During the Middle Ages, cats were associated with witchcraft, and on St. John's Day, people all over Europe would stuff them into sacks and toss the cats into bonfires. On holy days, people celebrated by tossing cats from church towers.

It has been scientifically proven that stroking a cat can lower one's blood pressure.

A cat's jaw has only up and down motion; it does not have any lateral, side to side motion, like dogs and humans.

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Unlike other cats, lions have a tuft of hair at the end of their tails.

Female cats are polyestrous

Cats and kittens should be acquired in pairs whenever possible as cat families interact best in pairs.

A cat sees about 6 times better than a human at night, and needs 1/6 the amount of light that a human does - it has a layer of extra reflecting cells which absorb light.

A happy cat holds her tail high and steady.

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.

Cats have individual preferences for scratching surfaces and angles. Some are horizontal scratchers while others exercise their claws vertically.

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.

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

The average cat food meal is the equivalent to about five mice.

While many cats enjoy milk, it will give some cats diarrhea.

In one stride, a cheetah can cover 23 to 26 feet (7 to 8 meters).

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

Florence Nightingale owned more than 60 cats in her lifetime.

In the original Italian version of Cinderella, the benevolent fairy godmother figure was a cat.

Cats are extremely sensitive to vibrations. Cats are said to detect earthquake tremors 10 or 15 minutes before humans can.

Cats take between 20-40 breaths per minute.

Most cats adore sardines.

On average, a cat will sleep for 16 hours a day.

The most popular pedigreed cat is the Persian cat, followed by the Main Coon cat and the Siamese cat.

Cats have 300 million neurons; dogs have about 160 million

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

Cats respond most readily to names that end in an "ee" sound.

A cat's smell is their strongest sense, and they rely on this leading sense to identify people and objects; a feline's sense of smell is 14x better than a human's.

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.

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.

Cats respond better to women than to men, probably due to the fact that women's voices have a higher pitch.

A commemorative tower was built in Scotland for a cat named Towser, who caught nearly 30,000 mice in her lifetime.

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

In ancient Egypt, when a family cat died, all family members would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning.

Cats see six times better in the dark and at night than humans.

Cats have about 130,000 hairs per square inch (20,155 hairs per square centimeter).

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

Cats are subject to gum disease and to dental caries. They should have their teeth cleaned by the vet or the cat dentist once a year.

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

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.

A cat's cerebral cortex contains about twice as many neurons as that of dogs. Cats have 300 million neurons, whereas dogs have about 160 million. See, cats rule, dogs drool!

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

Among many other diseases, cats can suffer from anorexia, senility, feline AIDS and acne.

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

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

A cat has more bones than a human being; humans have 206 and the cat has 230 bones.

A cat's brain is more similar to a man's brain than that of a dog.

Cats can be taught to walk on a leash, but a lot of time and patience is required to teach them. The younger the cat is, the easier it will be for them to learn.

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

Cats have 32 muscles that control the outer ear (compared to human's 6 muscles each). A cat can rotate its ears independently 180 degrees, and can turn in the direction of sound 10 times faster than those of the best watchdog.

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

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.

Owning a cat is actually proven to be beneficial for your health.

A steady diet of dog food may cause blindness in your cat - it lacks taurine.

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

The most traveled cat is Hamlet, who escaped from his carrier while on a flight. He hid for seven weeks behind a panel on the airplane. By the time he was discovered, he had traveled nearly 373,000 miles (600,000 km).

The most expensive cat was an Asian Leopard cat (ALC)-Domestic Shorthair (DSH) hybrid named Zeus. Zeus, who is 90% ALC and 10% DSH, has an asking price of £100,000 (\$154,000).

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

Cats only sweat through their paws and nowhere else on their body

The cat's tail is used to maintain balance.

A domestic cat can run at speeds of 30 mph.

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

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.

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

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