



Cat Lore

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A cat will almost never "meow" at another cat. This sound is reserved for humans.

The Jacobson's organ, located in the upper surface of a cat's mouth, is used for smelling. In fact, a cat's sense of smell is so strong it can detect another cat up to 100 metres away.

Only 40 per cent of cats are ambidextrous while the remaining 60 per cent favour either their left or right paws.

Cats can predict earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and electrical storms.

Cats can't taste sugar or salt

The cat is one of only three animals that walk by moving both left feet together, then both right feet together. The other two animals are the giraffe and the camel.

The earliest cat show on record was held in 1871 in London.

Cats have a peripheral vision of approximately 285 degrees.

Not only did Sir Isaac Newton discover the principles of gravity, he also invented the cat door!

Hunting is not instinctive to cats. In fact, kittens born to non-hunting mothers may never develop the skill.

Backward-pointing spikes on a cat's tongue aid in their grooming.

Sociable cats will follow you from room to room to monitor your activities throughout the day.

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Cats love high places. They share this love with leopards and jaguars that sleep in trees. If a cat begins to fall, its inner ear canal (which controls balance) will help it right itself and land on its feet.

A white cat's hearing has a lot to do with its eye colour. While white cats with orange eyes are generally fine, a large majority of white cats with blue eyes are deaf. Cats with only one blue eye are deaf in the ear closest to it.

When a cat buries its faeces it is a tactic designed to cover its trail from predators.

Cats in China and Hong Kong are kept in homes and shops to bring their owners good luck.

The correct way to refer to a group of kittens is a 'kindle'. However, a group of grown cats is called a 'clowder'.

Tap water should be allowed to sit for 24 hours before it is given to a cat - the chlorine in fresh tap water can irritate its nose.

Tortoiseshell cats are invariably female. The odds of getting a male 'tortie' are about 1000 to 1.

Domestic cats are the only cat species that hold their tails vertically while walking - all other cat species hold their tails horizontally or tucked between their legs while walking.

Cats have 290 bones and 517 muscles in their bodies. They also have a very complex spinal system with five more vertebrae than the human spine.

Cats have extraordinary navigation skills, enabling them to often find their way home over incredible distances. One persistent puss travelled 2414 km over a period of 14 months to track down her owners.

A tortoiseshell cat named Felix, reportedly survived 29 days without food or water after escaping from his travelling cage and getting stuck in the hold of an international aircraft!