

# de Stolfe *Journal* ●●●●●●●●

International Cat Day | August 8, 2020 | Special



Daisy

**International Cat Day**  
**August 8, 2020**



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### On The Cover



*This cat's name is Daisy.  
She was Mom's last cat.*

### PETTING CHART FOR YOUR CAT



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# Comments by RG



**Producer, RG de Stolfe**

## Happy International Cat Day!

This is one of several themed days that I have done and still want to do. This time, we celebrate cats.

International Cat Day was created in 2002 by the International Fund for Animal Welfare. They created the day as a means where people could honor and celebrate their feline friends.

Most everyone has or previously had a pet, and usually several, linearly or at a time. The most common pets include cats, dogs, birds, fish, horses, and so on. But for me, I have mostly had cats, not usually that I had personally, but ones I lived with when living with other people, namely, my parents. The only pets that I have ever had of my own are a dog

(briefly), some fish, and a snail (in the fish tank). And even then, I have not had or lived with any pets in over five years.

These many pages of this issue include many flashbacks of anything cat related from all of my previous issues, even the old issues from the 80s and 90s! This goes to show how much I've included cats somehow through the entire span of my journals.

I have also included the history of the pet cats we've had and some other fund things. Finally, this issue's Back Page Literature includes a special feature of cats.

Just to note, I have purposely left out most things relating to cartoons, comics, and fictional cat characters.

Enjoy!



1981

*Gator was NOT impressed!*



1981

*Another photo at the same time.*

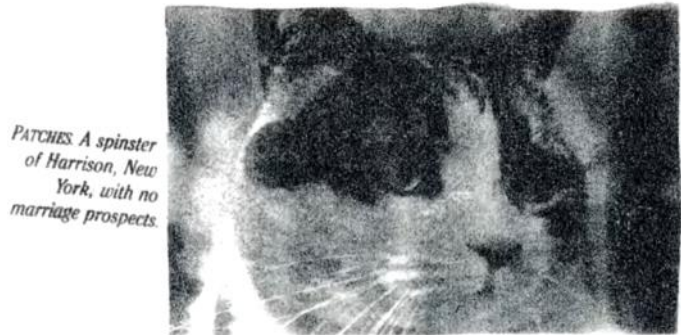


*Panda being Panda.*

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This was the very first issue to include cats.

From issue #2 April 1987



*PATCHES. A spinster of Harrison, New York, with no marriage prospects.*

From issue #3 May 1987

| THE 10 MOST POPULAR CAT NAMES |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| <b>B</b> lackie               | Mittens  |
| Snowball                      | Spot     |
| Snowflake                     | Tiger    |
| Fog                           | Garfield |
| Spider                        | Cat      |

*Remember, as of 1987!*



*FURBELOW. Her ambition is to sing Carmen at the Met.*

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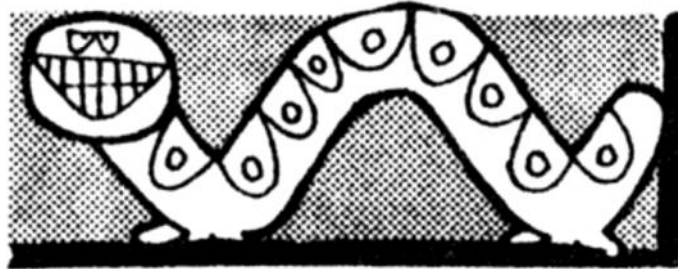
#4 Summer/Fall 1987



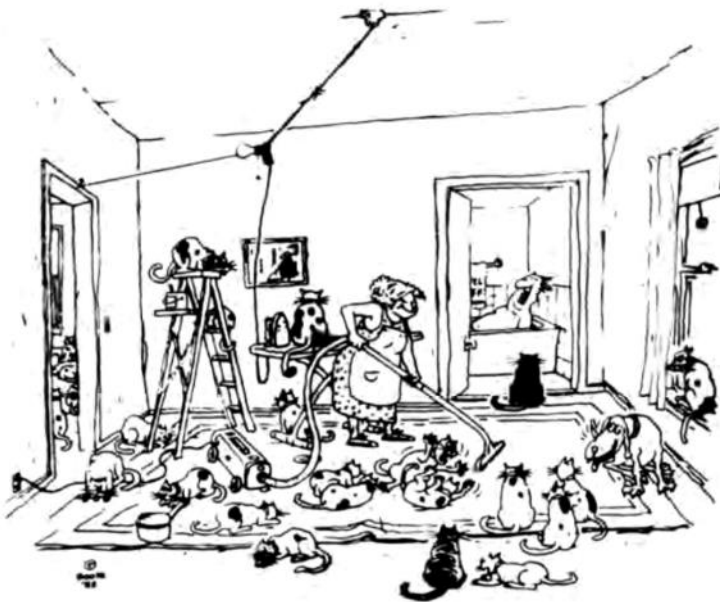
*HANSON* Quietly ruthless, with a special flair for revenge.



*Yes, this was my own special drawing!*



From issue #9 May/June 1988



MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME OFF AND GOTO DISNEY WORLD!!

Border from issue #3 May 1987

From issue #12 April 1989

## CATS

Some of the best-known and most exotic breeds of cats include these:

persian. nearly 46,000 of these round-faced, long-furred, big-eyed cats were registered in 1986. this is the most popular breed in the US  
Siamese. these short-haired pets are second in popularity. imported to the US in 1884 by dignitaries from Bangkok, they boast 'colorpoint' dark-on-light fur.  
Cornish Rex. this curly-coated breed appeared in the 1950's. its unusual, silky-soft fur is the result of a genetic mutation. rex cats comes from black to calico.  
egyptian mau. descended from cats in egypt, this breed is the only felina with a spotted coat. its eyes are it green.

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*Unsolved mystery of the ages: why can't people purr?*

**CATS!!**



*“The cat is attached to the home; the dog, to the master.”*

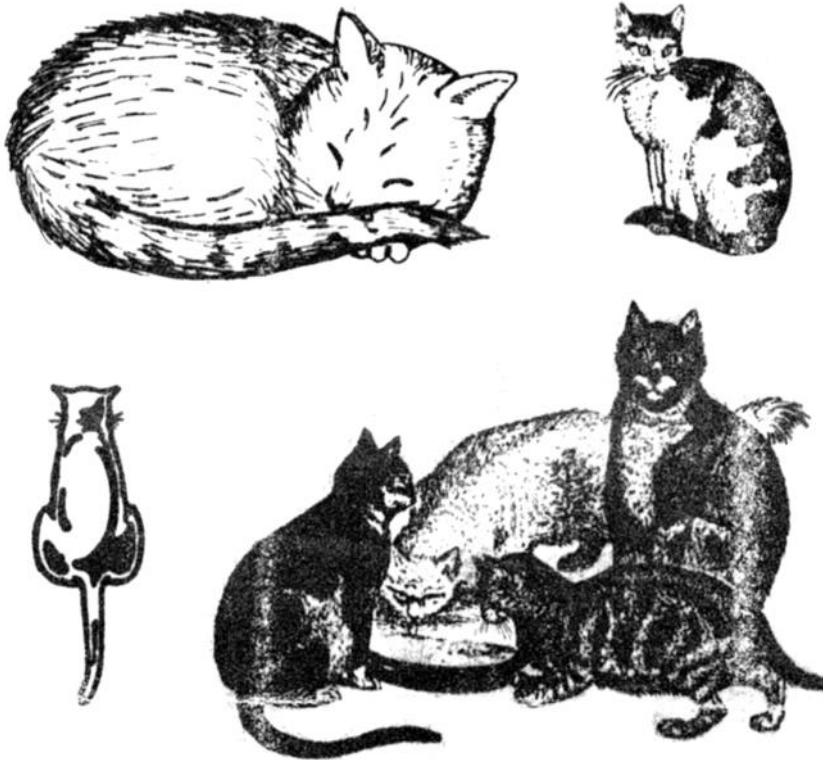


*A cat raises his tail in greeting, much as a man would raise his hat.*



*PAULIE: A polite gentleman with one wife, one child, and 17 acres to garden.*

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From issue #8 Spring 1988

From issue September 2014

*A few weeks ago, I painted this plate of Panda at a paint your own pottery place. The source photo is below.*



From issue #10 August/September 1988



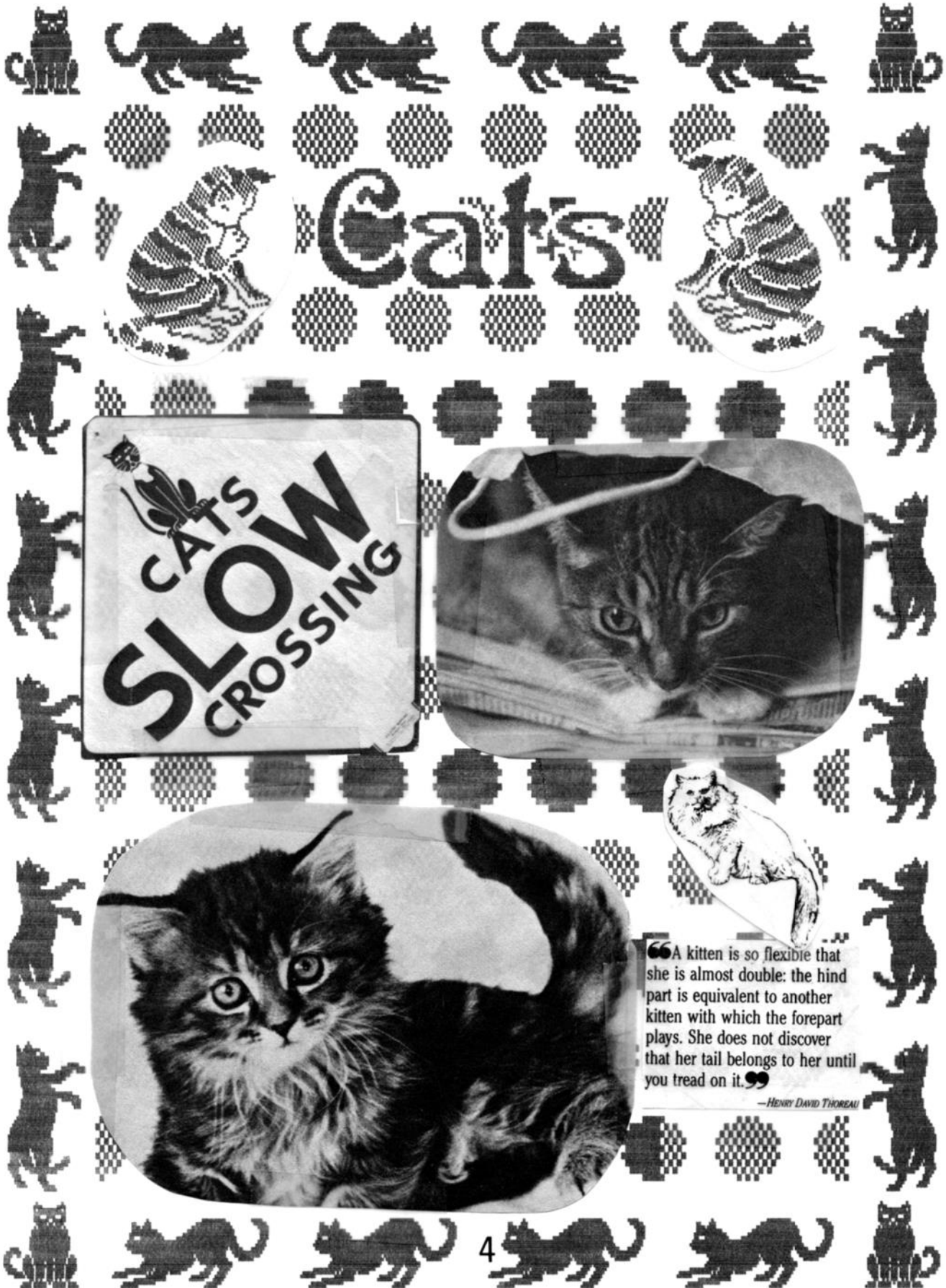
Ever hear the one about the gerbil who ate the puppy's dinner, then took a nap in the cat's favorite chair?



What's that about birds of a feather?

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From issue #11 October/November 1988



# Cats



“A kitten is so flexible that she is almost double: the hind part is equivalent to another kitten with which the forepart plays. She does not discover that her tail belongs to her until you tread on it.”

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU

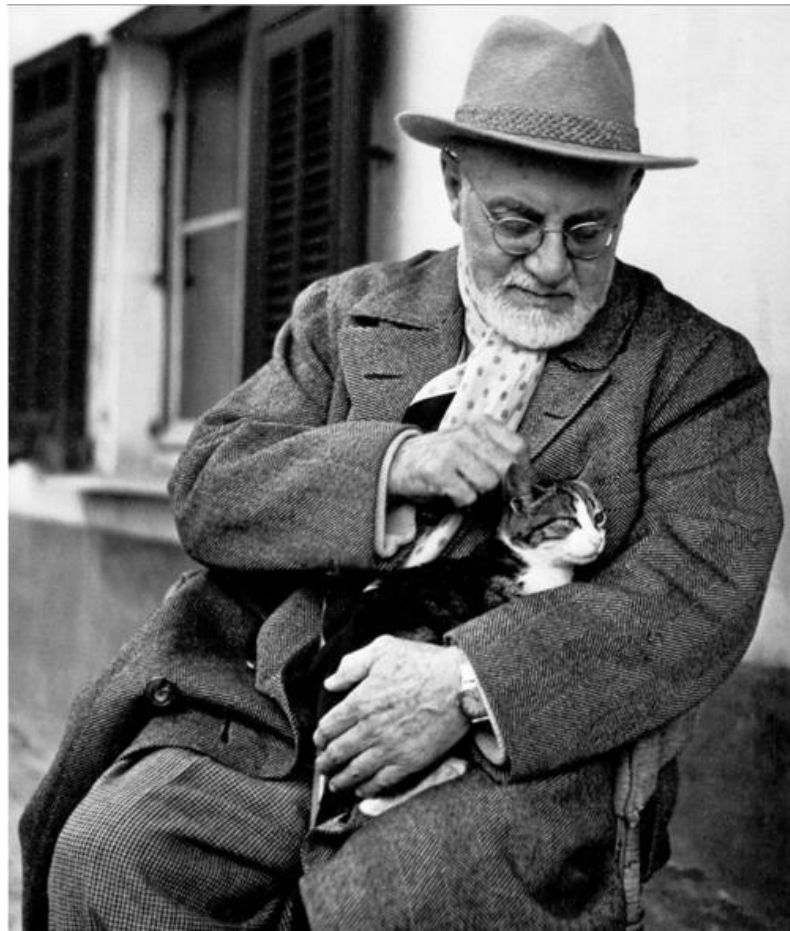
# International Cat Day

From issue January 2013



*(It appears that this Friskies app is no longer available to download.)*

From issue April 2013



*Henri Matisse (with a cat)*

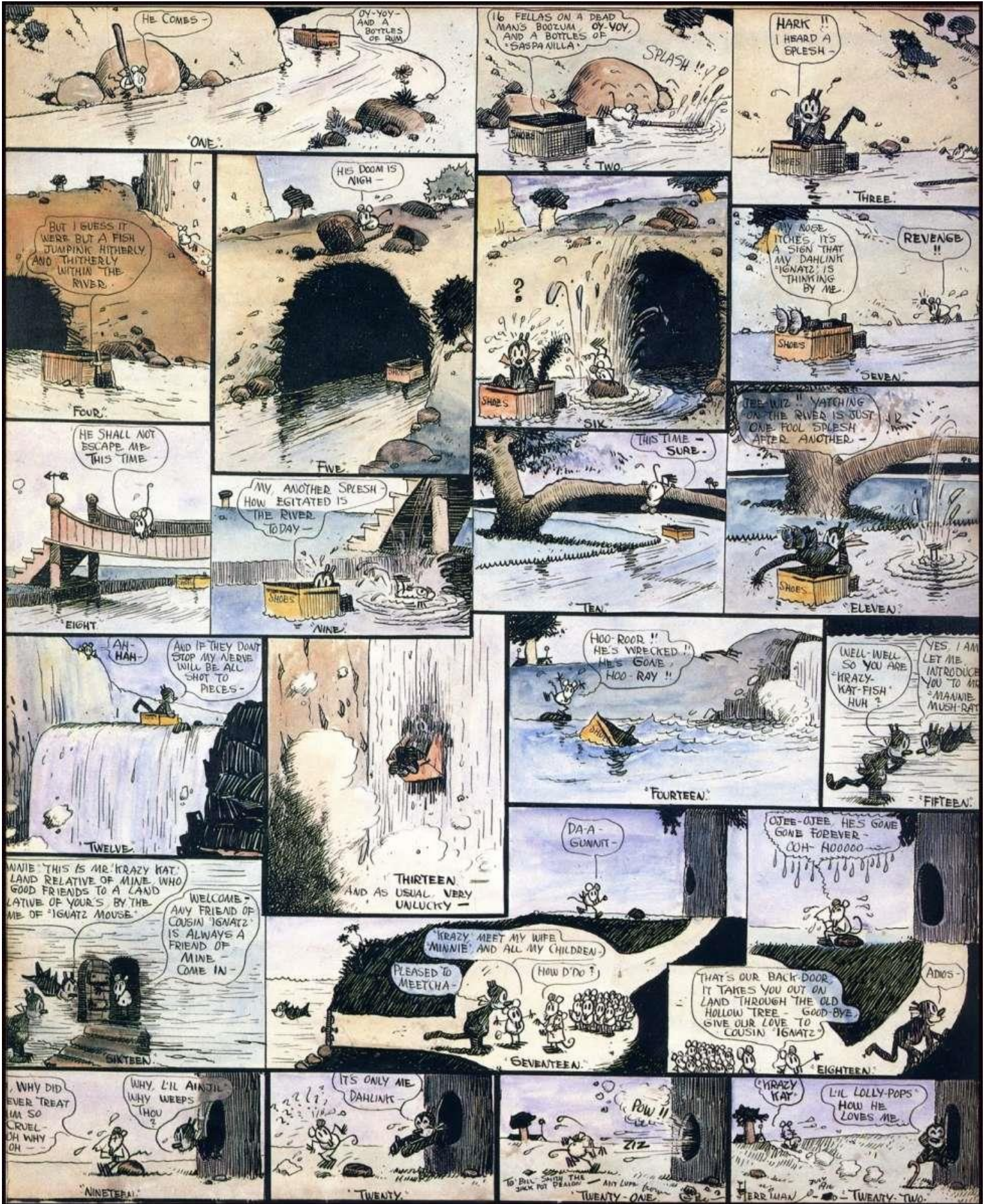
From issue May 2014



1993



2013



# Ranch Conversation



Honk, honk.



Crap! Branding season!

Hey guys, winter is coming soon.

Oh, no! Hunting season... again!

Baaaaaaaaaaaaa.



Yeah! Roundups! Let's go!

Oooooo... a plump mouse!

Let's play!

Stay away from me cat!



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From issue September 2014

No! You may not see a menu.

From issue October/November/December 2014



Rg and his cat enjoy a dinner for two.

From issue January 2015



RG loves DJ Meow Mix!  
Kchka kchka kchka scratch scratch...  
ScreeeeeeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE EE EE EE EE...  
POW! boom Boom BOOM...

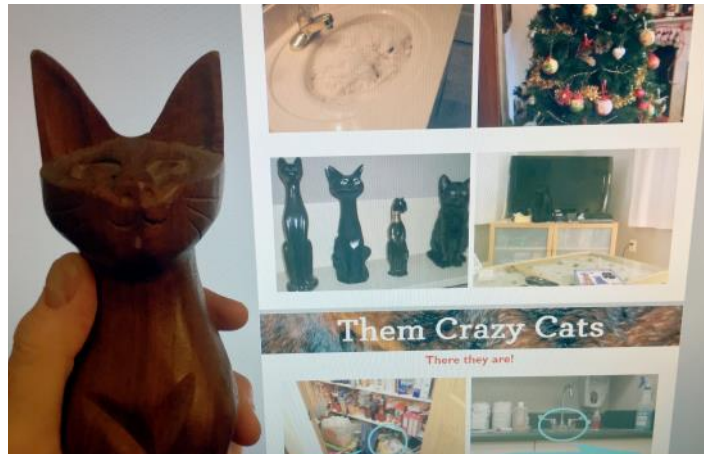


Rg purrs louder than his cat.

*I thought Mom's little cat figurine looked familiar!*



*Little cat knick knacks on shelves from Mom's house.*



# Famous Animals

*I simply don't have the room to give any real descriptions for these animals! Therefore, do your own exploring by clicking the respective links to the animals' official pages to learn more about each animal and why so famous.*

## Teddy Bear the Porcupine

Born in May 2003 and lives in Dallas. (and LOVES corn!)

[www.facebook.com/TeddyPorcupine](http://www.facebook.com/TeddyPorcupine)



## Punxsutawney Phil The Groundhog (Day)

A real groundhog with a real name, of Groundhog Day fame!

[www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org)



## Venus Two Faced Cat

A rescue cat with a natural split face!

[www.facebook.com/VenusTheAmazingChimeraCat](http://www.facebook.com/VenusTheAmazingChimeraCat)



## Grumpy Cat® (Tartar Sauce)

Born with an under bite causing the frown like expression. Was in a TV movie.

[www.facebook.com/TheOfficialGrumpyCat](http://www.facebook.com/TheOfficialGrumpyCat)



## Pudge the Cat

This exotic shorthair cat has a variation of mustache. Also, she's female!

[www.facebook.com/pudgethecatt](http://www.facebook.com/pudgethecatt)



## Shrek (Merino sheep)

This Merino sheep in New Zealand escaped shearing for 6 years! Once found, Shrek was sheared and the fleece auctioned for charity (weighted 60 pounds!).

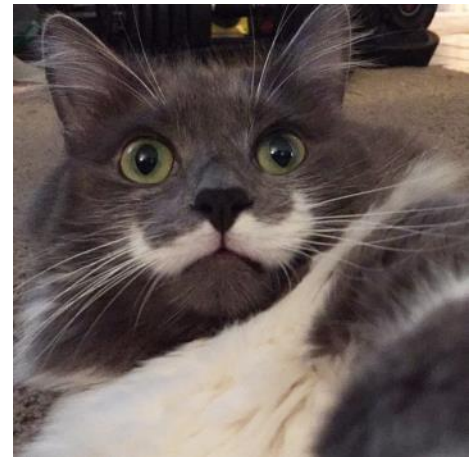
[www.earthporn.com/shrek-sheep-escaped-shearing-6-years](http://www.earthporn.com/shrek-sheep-escaped-shearing-6-years)



## Hamilton the Hipster Cat

A rescue cat born with a very stylish moustache!

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonTheHipsterCat](http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTheHipsterCat)



## Biddy the Hedgehog

Isn't he cute! He lives in Oregon.

<https://instagram.com/biddythehedgehog>



## Sherbert The Fat Cat

This is basically a happy, fat cat. Although Sherbert only has three legs.

[www.facebook.com/SherbertTheFatCat](http://www.facebook.com/SherbertTheFatCat)



# Cat Videos

*You know you should be working, but you check Facebook and before long, you've spent 20 minutes watching cat videos! Here are some popular cat videos you can find floating around in various places on the internet.*



## Stalking Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzzjgBAaWZw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzzjgBAaWZw)



## Standing Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVV\\_HXtEbLo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVV_HXtEbLo)



## Cat Loves Water

<http://youtu.be/0iXHim3ToQ4>



## OMG Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_S5cXbXe-4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_S5cXbXe-4)



## Kitten in Hamster Ball

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=go43XeW6Wg4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go43XeW6Wg4)



## “Drunk” Cat (sedated from dentist visit)

[http://youtu.be/aA3dHi\\_o7Yw](http://youtu.be/aA3dHi_o7Yw)



## Surprise Kitty

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bmhjf0rKe8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bmhjf0rKe8)



## Scottish Fold Munchkin

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VSR4\\_tAYvw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VSR4_tAYvw)



## Paddy Cake Cats

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3iFhLdWjqc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3iFhLdWjqc)



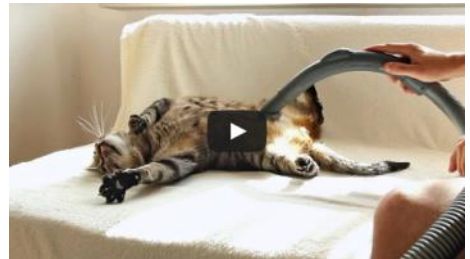
## Tetherball Cats

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5ugPy2ERkg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5ugPy2ERkg)



## Vacuum Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrlkXEDGpIc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrlkXEDGpIc)



## Thriller Cat

[Thriller-cat-takes-internet-by-storm.html](http://Thriller-cat-takes-internet-by-storm.html)



# Them Crazy Cats

**So Totally Busted!**



# Them Crazy Cats

Can You Find Them??



# Them Crazy Cats

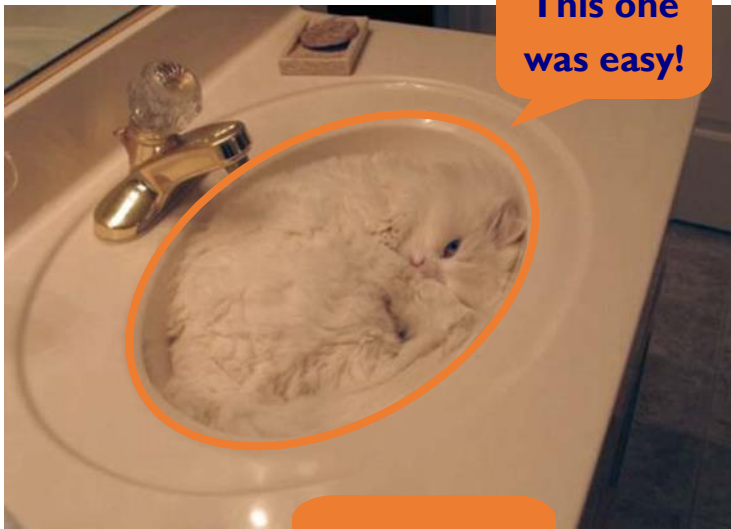
There they are!



Needed some towels



Looks like a vet's office. No wonder the cat's hiding!



This one was easy!

Hiding in plain sight!



What cat hasn't done this!



Talk about camouflage!



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From issue May 2015

## Digda, The Trained Cat

This is Digda. I first reported about this cat in the January 2014 issue showing a cat who rode a skateboard. Digda is a rescue cat owned by Robert. They live in Australia. He owns and runs a business called Malibu Dog Training in Australia. After getting Digda, he soon discovered that his rescue cat was quite talented and fearless. He slowly trained and taught the cat to do many things. As a result, Digda now can ride a skateboard, jump up high, roll over, play dead, swim in the ocean, ride a dog's back, ride a surfboard, and many other acrobatic and physical tricks!



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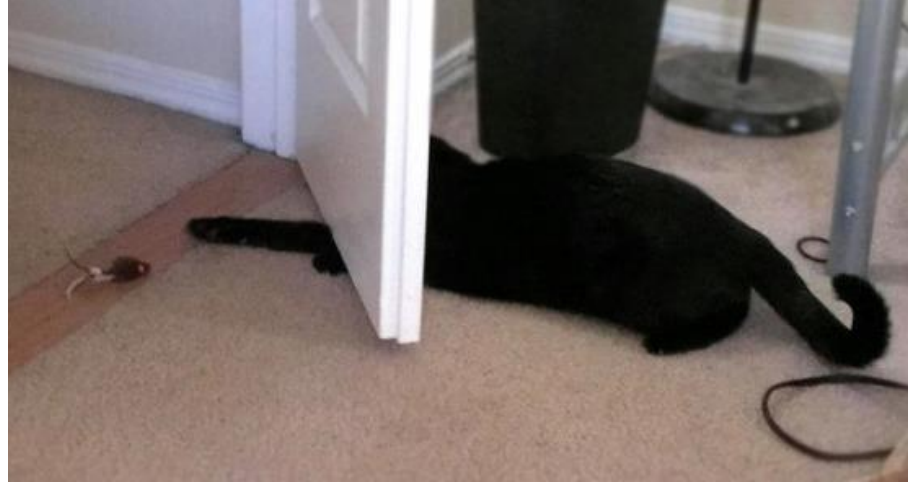


## PETTING CHART FOR YOUR DOG

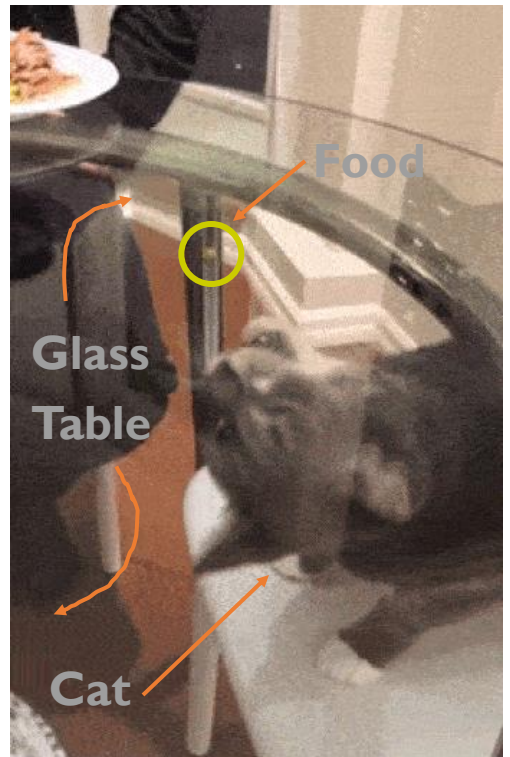
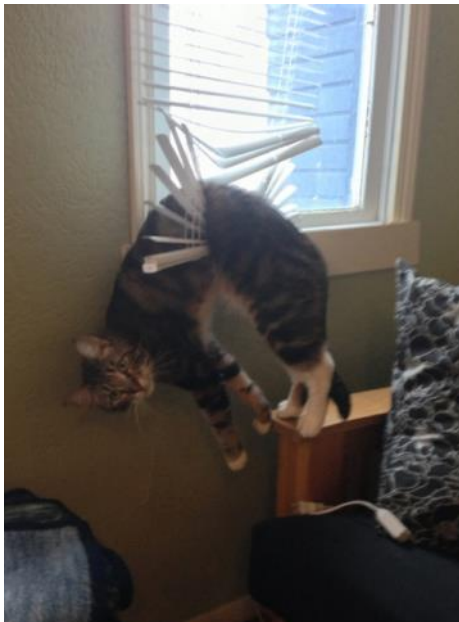


# More Crazy Cats

## Cat Fails!

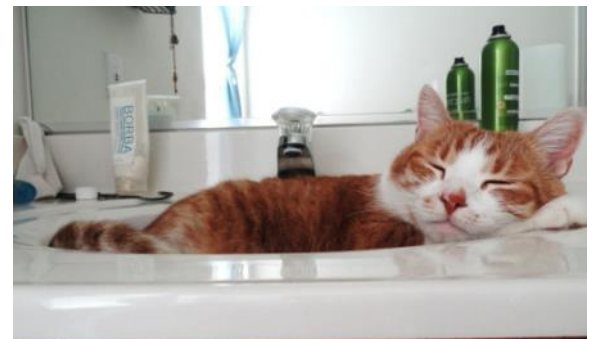
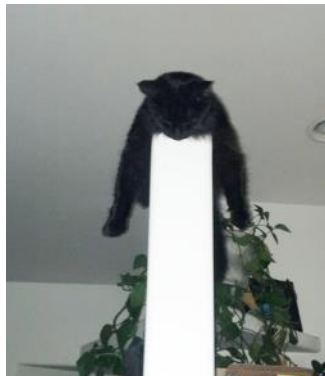


## Any of your cats done these things?



# More Crazy Cats

## Sleeping Cats



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## How to wash a cat

1. Put up both lids of the toilet and add a few squirts of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him to the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close the lids. You might need to stand on them.
4. At this point, the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a power wash and a power rinse.
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that no one is between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand back behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will lick dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

(Take a look at the [Top 10 Photos of Wet, Angry Cats!](#))



From issue September 2015

## TOP 10 CAT POP SONGS

1. I Want To Scratch Your Hand
2. All The Feral Ladies
3. I Ran So Far Away (The Vacuum Cleaner Song)
4. More Than A Feline
5. Mice Mice Baby
6. When You Get Caught Between The Roomba And The Loveseat
7. U Can't Pet This
8. (Everything I Do) I Do It For Food
9. Let's Sleep Till Brooklyn
10. Who Let The Dogs In?



From issue July 2015



From issue Thanksgiving 2015

# International Cat Day

## Cats According to Mark Twain

Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) liked his cats. He had a few! He is also known to make quotes about cats himself and in his writings.

“A home without a cat—and a well-fed, well-petted, and properly revered cat—may be a perfect home, perhaps, but how can it prove title?”

- Pudd'nhead Wilson

“A cat is more intelligent than people believe, and can be taught any crime.”

- Notebook, 1895

“Of all God’s creatures, there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat.”

- Notebook, 1894

“I simply can’t resist a cat, particularly a purring one. They are the cleanest, cunningest, and most intelligent things I know, outside of the girl you love, of course.”

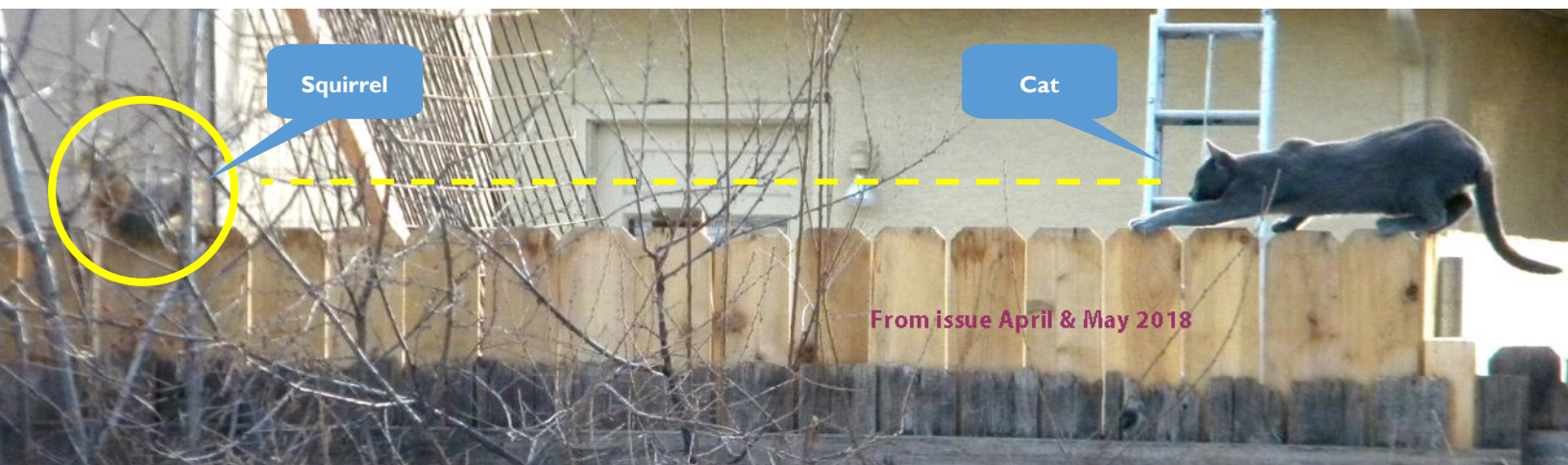
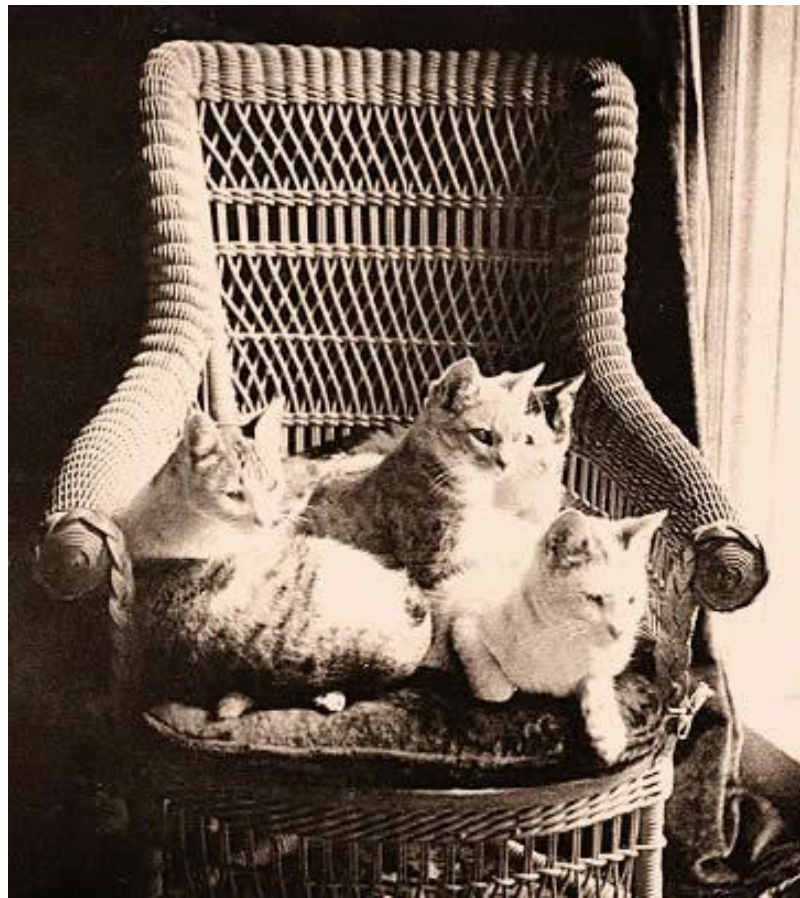
- quoted in *Abroad with Mark Twain and Eugene Field*, Fisher

“One of them likes to be crammed into a corner-pocket of the billiard table—which he fits as snugly as does a finger in a glove and then he watches the game (and obstructs it) by the hour, and spoils many a shot by putting out his paw and changing the direction of a passing ball.”

- Letter to Mable Larkin Patterson, 2 October 1908

“He would call (the cats) to ‘come up’ on the chair, and they would all jump up on the seat. He would tell them to ‘go to sleep,’ and instantly the group were all fast asleep, remaining so until he called ‘Wide awake!’ when in a twinkling up would go their ears and wide open their eyes.”

- Anonymous article titled *The Funniest Writer on Earth. Some Anecdotes about Mark Twain*, The Rambler, Dec. 24, 1898.



From issue April & May 2018

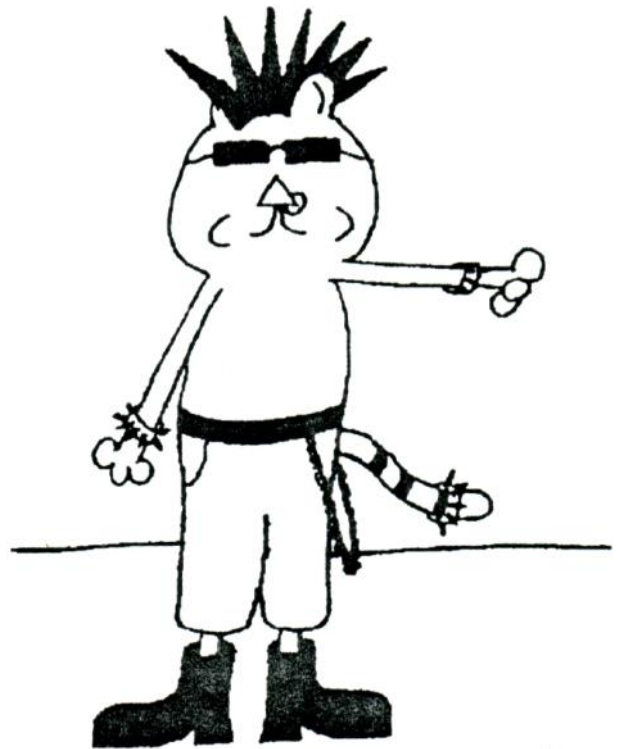
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Disco



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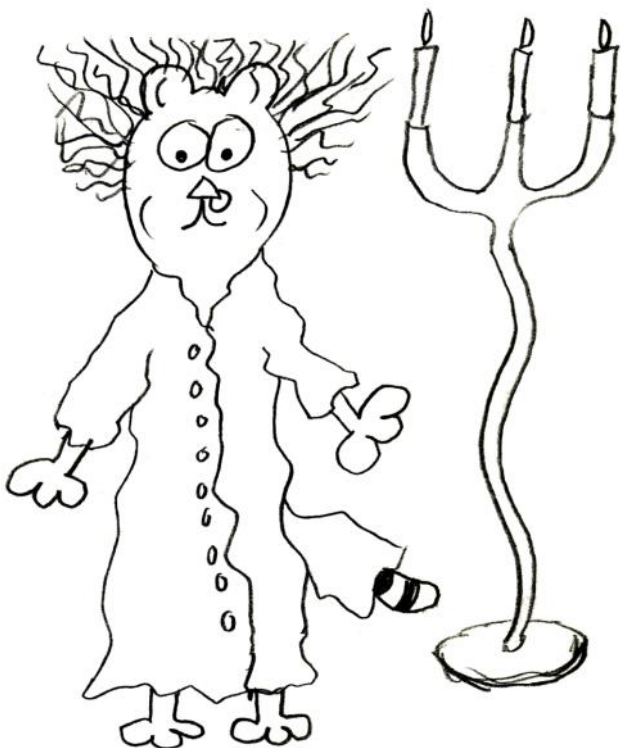
Punk



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From issue #18 Summer 1996

Goth

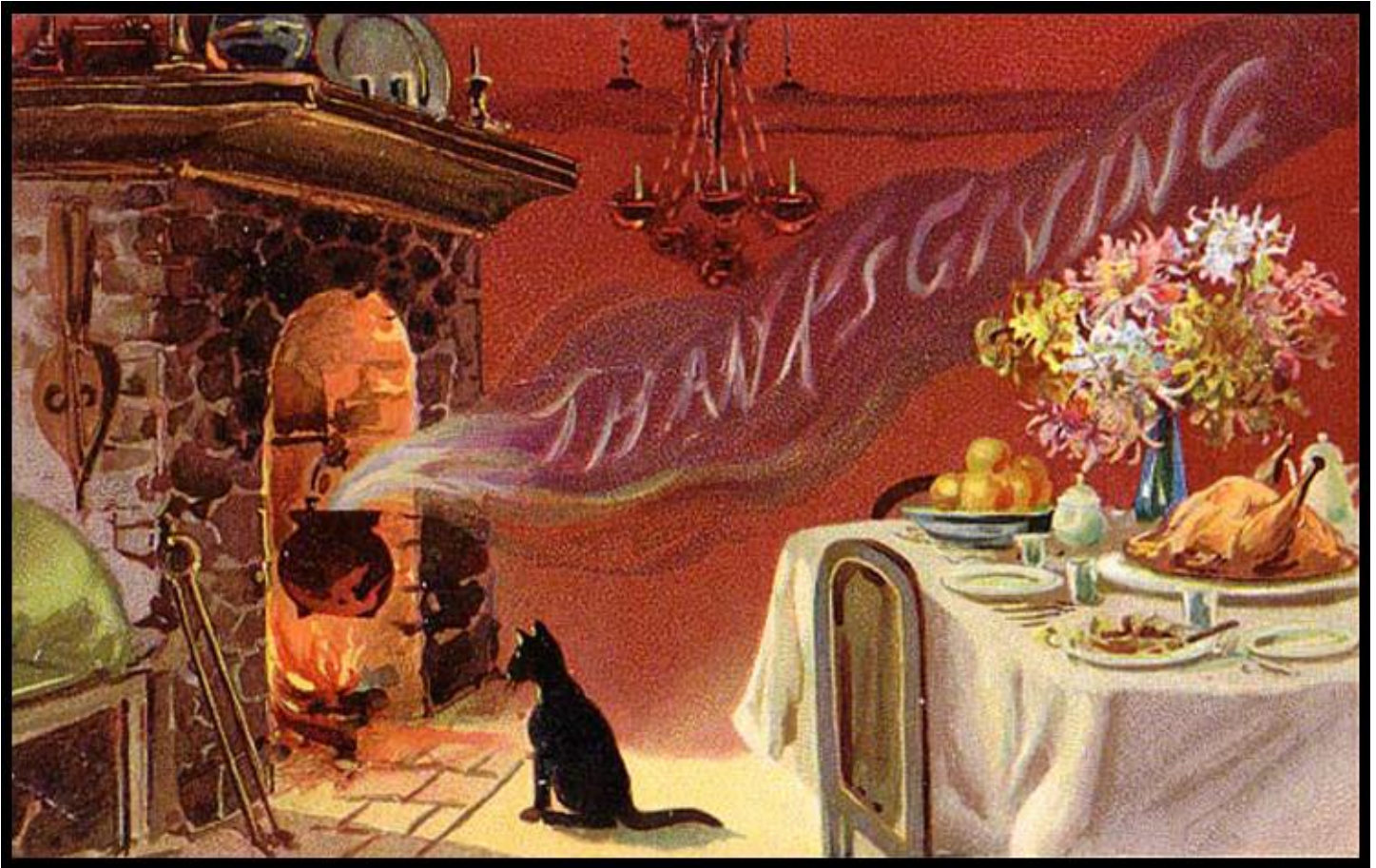


Never before published in the de Stolfe Journal!! (Except in 30th anniversary special issue, March 2016.)

Cowboy



# International Cat Day



From issue Thanksgiving 2016



The Super Bowl was Sunday, February 1, 2015. On the Hallmark Channel, they presented the Kitten Bowl II. Take a look at their website to learn more about the game and about adopting cats. <http://www.hallmarkchannel.com/kitten-bowl>

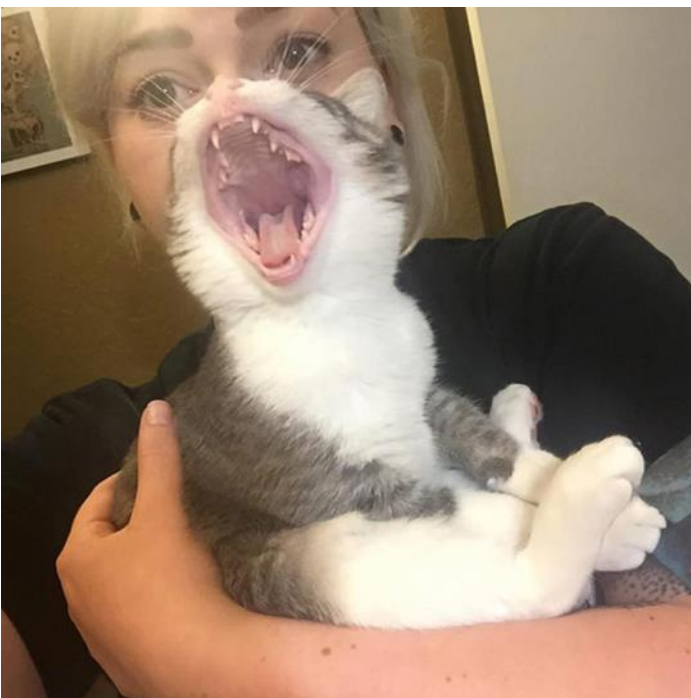


From issue February 2015

# International Cat Day

## Perfectly Timed Cat Photos

If you spend enough time on the internet and especially on Facebook, you undoubtedly have come across all sorts of mini stories with photos that you have to click page by page to view. In addition, a large majority of those posts are of animals and especially cats. Here is a selection of so called “perfectly timed” photos involving cats. Enjoy!



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## More Perfectly Timed Cat Photos

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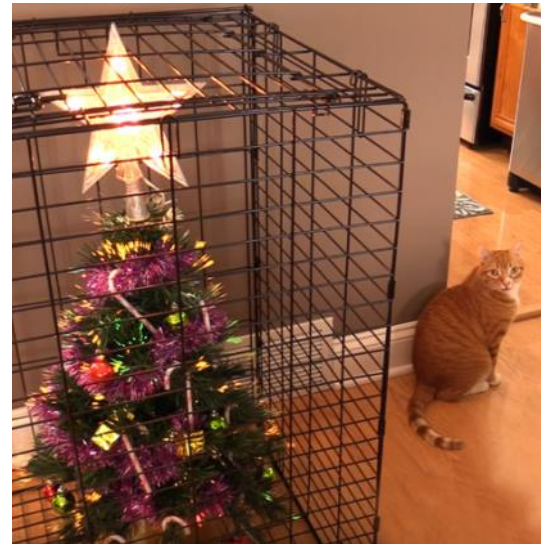
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## Even More Perfectly Timed Cat Photos



# International Cat Day

## Cat Christmas Fails and Owners' Responses



*In order shown:*

- Flat tree on wall.
- Chop off bottom half of tree.
- Just put it outside!
- Plastic wrap!
- Up out of reach! (This is rather cool!)
- A cage works.

# International Cat Day

Are you ready? I finally am including this topic! I present to you, strange cats! These photos show cats that make them appear like liquid. How do they get into some of these places? And even more so, how do they fit in these places??

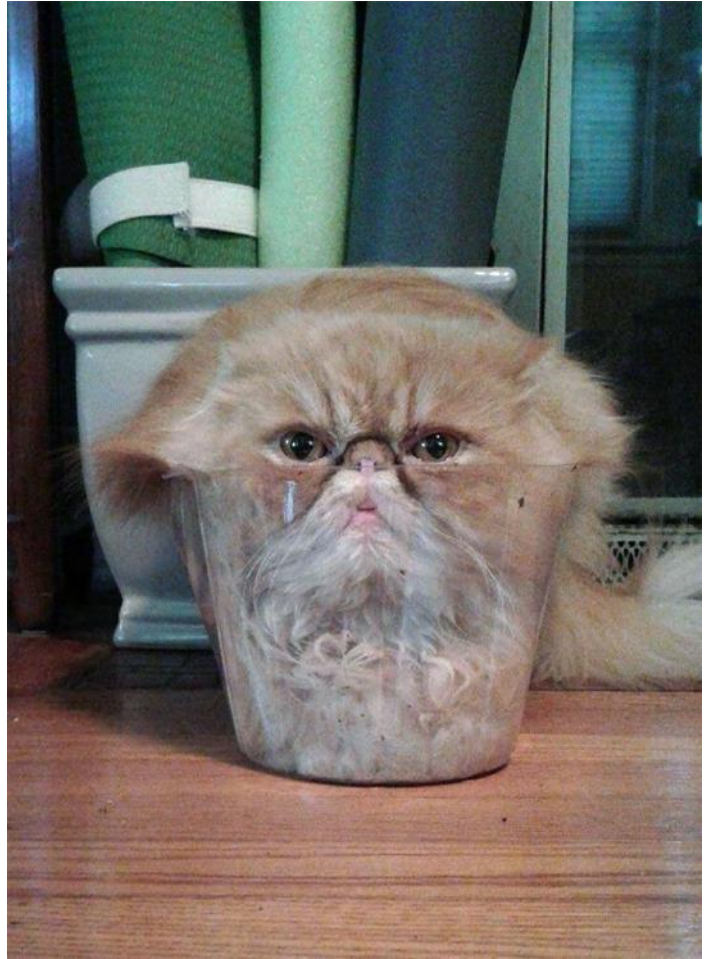


*Be-do-be-dup-er-uh-zing-da-doh-rup*

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*There are two cats in there!*



# International Cat Day



surimistick:

at first i tought it was cappuccino

marrow-bone Source: donko.inouesayuki.com

541,348 notes Mar 12th, 2018



*This post was attempting to say,  
"At first, I thought it was a cappuccino."*



*Is this cat melting??*

Read More

- <http://sharetoday.net/15-photos-that-prove-cats-are-basically-made-of-liquid>

From issue June & July 2018

# International Cat Day

## Crazy Laws About Cats

While it is likely that these laws are probably not enforced (much) anymore, they are still active laws in each of the respective areas! For some of these laws, clearly a bee went up someone's nose for them to come up with these absurd ideas! Enjoy!

- ◆ Columbus, Georgia:  
No "yowling" allowed by cats after 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ French Lick Springs, Indiana:  
All black cats [must] wear bells on Friday the 13th.
- ◆ Lorinc, Hungary:  
Cats can only be taken on to the street on leads [leashes].
- ◆ Madison, Wisconsin:  
A divorcing couple cannot share joint custody of their pet and award full custody to the pet parent in possession of the kitty at the time of the initial separation.
- ◆ International Falls, Minnesota:  
Cats are not allowed to chase dogs up telephone poles. [What??]
- ◆ Barber, North Carolina:  
Fights between cats and dogs are strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Sterling, Colorado:  
Pet cats are not allowed to run loose without a taillight.
- ◆ Berea, Ohio:  
Same as Sterling, Colorado. Pet cats are not allowed to run loose without a taillight.
- ◆ Ventura County, California:  
It is not legal for your cat to have sex unless he or she has a permit.
- ◆ Cresskill, New Jersey:  
Cats must wear three bells to warn birds of their whereabouts.
- ◆ Duluth, Minnesota:  
It is illegal for cats to fall asleep in a bakery.
- ◆ California:  
There is a ban on all cat mating near schools, taverns, or places of worship. The cats won't get in trouble as long as they are at least 1,500 feet away.
- ◆ Zion, Illinois:  
It is illegal for any person to light a cigar and give it to a cat. [There is also a similar law about giving alcohol to cats.]
- ◆ Topeka, Kansas:  
Pet owners may not own more than five cats at a time. [Actually, this seems pretty reasonable.]
- ◆ Reed City, Michigan:  
Residents may not keep a pet bird and a pet cat on the same premises.
- ◆ Virginia:  
Dogcatchers are prohibited from "bothering cats" while they are looking for dogs.
- ◆ Montgomery County, Maryland:  
Any cat owner who lets their cat wander onto somebody else's property, and doesn't have that person's permission faces the possibility of a \$100 fine if the person files a complaint. [Multiple complaint fines go up.]
- ◆ Maine:  
Thurston v Carter 92 A. 295 case (1914) ruled that cats were considered to be domestic animals which were covered by statutes protecting domesticated animals.
- ◆ Pennsylvania:  
Commonwealth vs Massini 188 1. 2d 816 in the Superior court (1963) ruled that cats are not considered a "domestic animal" by definition and have no intrinsic value in the eyes of the law.
- ◆ Augusta, Georgia:  
Cats need a business license to perform.
- ◆ Various laws:  
Cats are considered to be the legal property of owners as valued property with monetary worth and emotional worth.
- ◆ Texas:  
Cats have protection from human abusers, but most cases involved some sort of mental disorder of the human.

### Read More

- <http://kittentoob.com/cat-news/20-strangest-cat-laws-world>

# International Cat Day

House cats come from wild cat lineage. So when a live tree just appears in their territory, they only do what is natural! But being a house cat, you can still tell them, “Bad kitty!”



From issue December 2016

*I bought these little cat shaped note holders from World Market to give to Mom one year.*



From issue January 2018



From issue July 2020



*A capybara and a cat.*

From issue June, July, August, September 2016

# Pet Cats

In the nearly 50 years I've been alive (close enough at this point), I've lived with a number of pets: cats, a dog, and even some fish. By far, I've been around

cats the most. These next few pages will show the cats that I've lived with or that one of my parents have had.

## Gator

Circa 1981 to Circa 1998 (17-18)



Circa 1983

*One thing you could always depend on with Gator is that she would sleep just about anywhere! I have tons of photos from the 1980s showing her sleeping in a whole variety of places and in a whole lot of strange positions! (And in case you are wondering, the people in the photos are my godfather and godmother.)*



From issue #19 Winter 1997/1998



Circa early 1990s

# Pet Cats

## Jackson Van Gogh

Mid 1990s

Okay, so this name requires a little explanation. Mom named this cat Jackson. I named this cat Van Gogh (after all, I was taking a bunch of art classes at the time). Mom rejected my name for the cat, and I rejected Mom's name for the cat. And so there we go. Mom called him Jackson, and I called him Van Gogh. And so I have to refer to him as Jackson Van Gogh just so it's clear what cat I'm talking about!

As I recall, I think this cat was a stray that wandered around the neighborhood that Mom sucked in and tried to make into a housecat. I left Jacksonville in 1996, but I don't remember what happened to the cat for I don't recall seeing the cat much later than perhaps 1997.



Circa mid 1990s



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## Kittea-Kittea

1996-2014 (18)

This tortoiseshell cat first started at Dad's house as a kitten. I don't think he had a name for her other than just to call her "cat". He had the cat in the mid 1990s and kept her for a while until she kept setting off his house alarm. Soooo, that is when he gave the cat to Mom. Mom came up with the name Kittea-Kittea (which I first thought was "Kitty Kitty"). I am thinking there might have been a short overlap of Gator and Kittea-Kittea. I was living in Flagstaff at the time and so I really don't remember. However, she lived about as long as Gator did.



Circa late 1990s



# Pet Cats

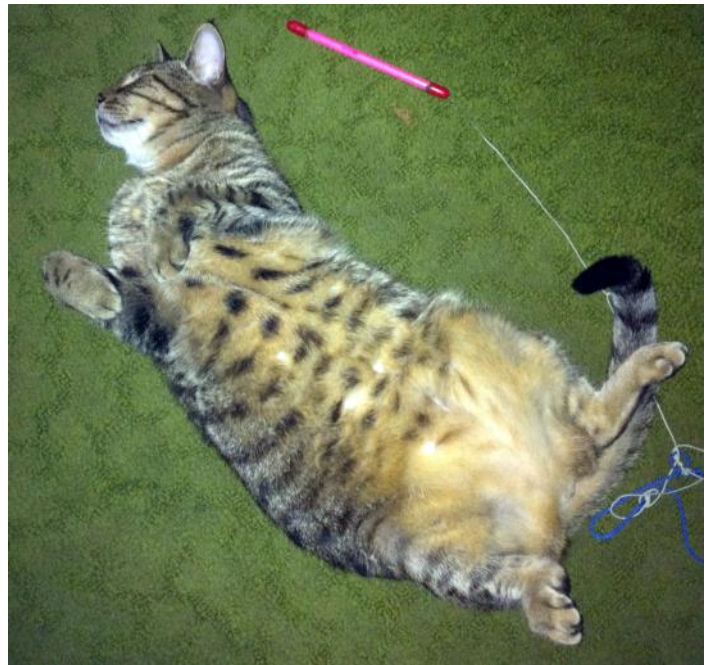
## Daisy

2004-2015 (11)

I'm not entirely sure where Mom got Daisy, but it was several years after Gator died. Mom only had Kittea-Kittea for several years later until she got Daisy. Obviously, she was a much younger cat than Kittea-Kittea but sadly died about six months after Kittea-Kittea died. After that, Mom never had any other cats.



Late 2000s



2013



# Pet Cats

## Panda

2011-2014 (When Dad had her)  
(maybe 10 years old?)

Dad wanted a cat. So he went to Petsmart and adopted a cat. Panda was her name and it was an owner surrender (because the former owner had to move to care facility where animals were not allowed). Panda was a friendly loveable cat but shed something fierce because of the long hair. All you had to do was pet her and your hand was layered with fur. She also must have had some sort of feline allergy too because she would have sneezing fits including snot scattering about. (Gross I know, but it would get everywhere!) Panda was in the house for most of the time when I was living in Colorado Springs. Sadly, she died when I was working in Leadville in 2014.



2012



2014



2012

2011



RIP Panda 8.6.2014



# Pet Cats

## Stray Cat

Later 1980s

With where we lived in the 1980s in Miami, sometimes there would be stray cats. I want to say that this was a stray cat that I seem to recall bringing in the house one time. This is a yellow cat (though looks a little red in the photo), and seemed to make itself at home. I do not think we had this cat around for very long, and I do not know what happened to it. (Did you have carpet like that too?)



## Stray Cat

Mid to late 1980s?

While this tortoiseshell cat looks much like Kitea-Kitea, the date was much earlier! This was another stray cat that was in the area where we lived. Now, I'm not entirely certain that this cat is not related to Kitea-Kitea. It is possible that this is the mother cat or even the grandmother cat. Again, I know exactly.



# International Cat Day



1896  
Reopening  
of the  
Cabaret  
of the  
Black  
Cat

October 3, 1896  
and  
from the famous  
theater of the  
Black Cat

October 6, 1896  
Victor-Massé Road  
Paris

with  
Rodolphe Salis

*Louis Rodolphe Salis  
(1851-1897) was the  
creator, host, and owner of  
Le Chat Noir.*

# International Cat Day

## Stray Cat Strut

By Stray Cats

(Built For Speed, 1981)

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh  
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh  
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh  
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

Black and orange stray cat sittin' on a fence  
I ain't got enough dough to pay the rent  
I'm flat broke but I don't care  
I strut right by with my tail in the air

Stray cat strut, I'm a ladies cat  
I'm a feline Casanova, hey man that's that  
Get a shoe thrown at me from a mean old man  
Get my dinner from a garbage can

Don't go crossing my path

I don't bother chasing mice around  
I slink down the alleyway looking for a fight  
Howling to the moonlight on a hot summer night  
Singin' the blues while the lady cats cry  
"Wild stray cat, you're a real gone guy"  
I wish I could be as carefree and wild  
But I got cat class and I got cat style

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## Capital City Post-Office Cats Always on Job



"ARE the post-office employes here doing their duty?"

"Yes," said Postmaster N. A. Merritt curtly.

"How about the cats?" he was asked.

"They are on the job, too."

Then Mr. Merritt stopped to consider whether Washington had any cats on the official pay roll or not. He wasn't sure, but insisted that they were working overtime, provided they were recognized civil service employes.

Whereupon, a copy of a scanda-

lous report concerning Philadelphia cats was shown to him.

Philadelphia has had her post-office supplied with a collection of high class cats. As soon as these cats reported for duty at Uncle Sam's office there they immediately contracted a bad case of Philadelphia hookworm. Although on the official pay roll, so runs the story, they fell into line, formed a union, and announced themselves old-time Philadelphia conservatives. The mice have recovered from their scare and the cats are taking graft.

An immediate investigation was ordered at which Assistant Postmaster Louis Robinson presided.

When summoned before the investigating committee, the cats did not come.

"Always hustling in the interest of the service," chuckled the division chief.

# International Cat Day



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Ha ha ha ha ha ha... I can't breathe!



SO THE GAME IS A SIMPLE ONE. WITH THE CAT CLUTCHED IN YOUR ARMS, YOU FIRE THE GUN, AND SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN HOLD ONTO THE CAT. THE WORLD RECORD IS 1.3 SECONDS.

## Youth Found Cats to Be Similar to Human Beings

The following essay on "Cats" was turned in by a 10-year-old pupil:

"Cats and people are funny animals. Cats have four paws but only one ma. People have forefathers and only one mother.

"When a cat smells a rat he gets excited; so do people.

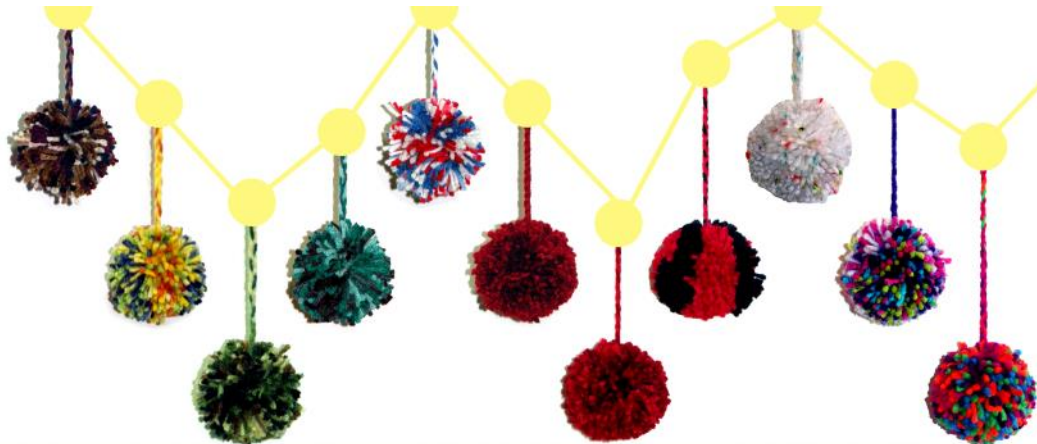
"Cats carry tails and a lot of people carry tales, also.

"All cats have fur coats. Some people have fur coats and the ones who don't have fur coats say catty things about the ones who do have them."

*The Record Journal*  
[Castle Rock, Colorado].  
Friday, March 22, 1916. Page 6.



**COWS  
CHEWIN'  
CUD**



High Sierra

Morning Sun

Green Camo

Night Watch

Blue White Red

Cranberry  
(1 color)

Rouges  
(2 tone)

Techsan  
(Red & Black)

Birthday Cake

Jazy  
(cool colors)

Dark Neons

### FOR SALE!

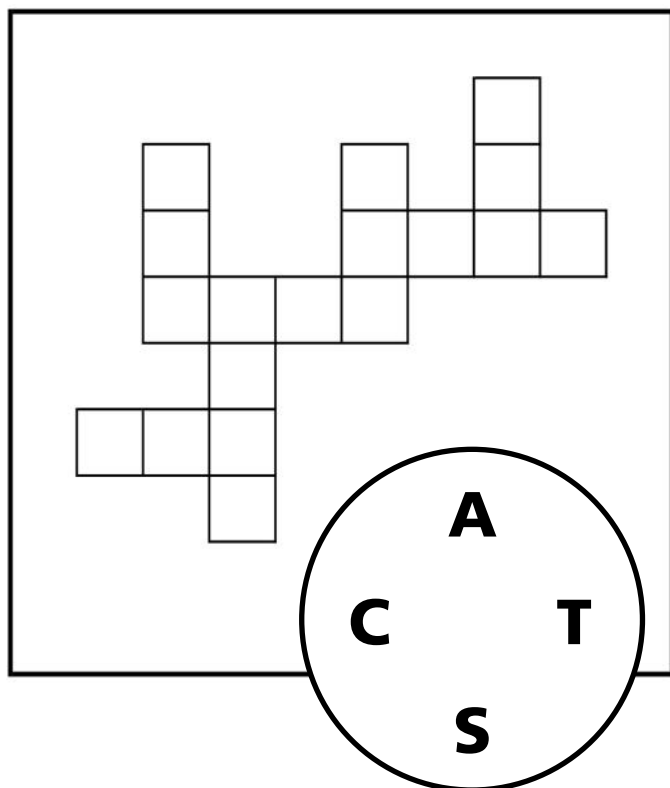
In case you didn't know, I sell handmade products. One item I sell is a yarn fluff ball cat toy. I have a variety of colors (see left), and you can buy my items securely on my Etsy site:

[www.etsy.com/shop/CowsChewinCud](http://www.etsy.com/shop/CowsChewinCud)

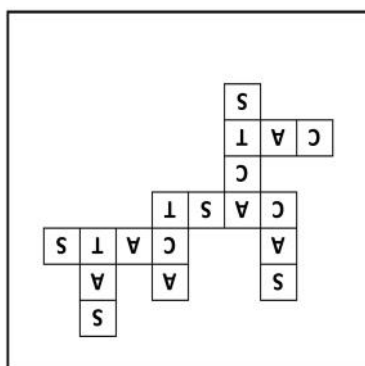
I might be able to make them in other colors too. Contact me for requests.

## Word Wheel

Within the wheel are four letters to form words that fit in the jigsaw square. There will be more words you can form than will fit into the squares. Go!



### Word Wheel Answer



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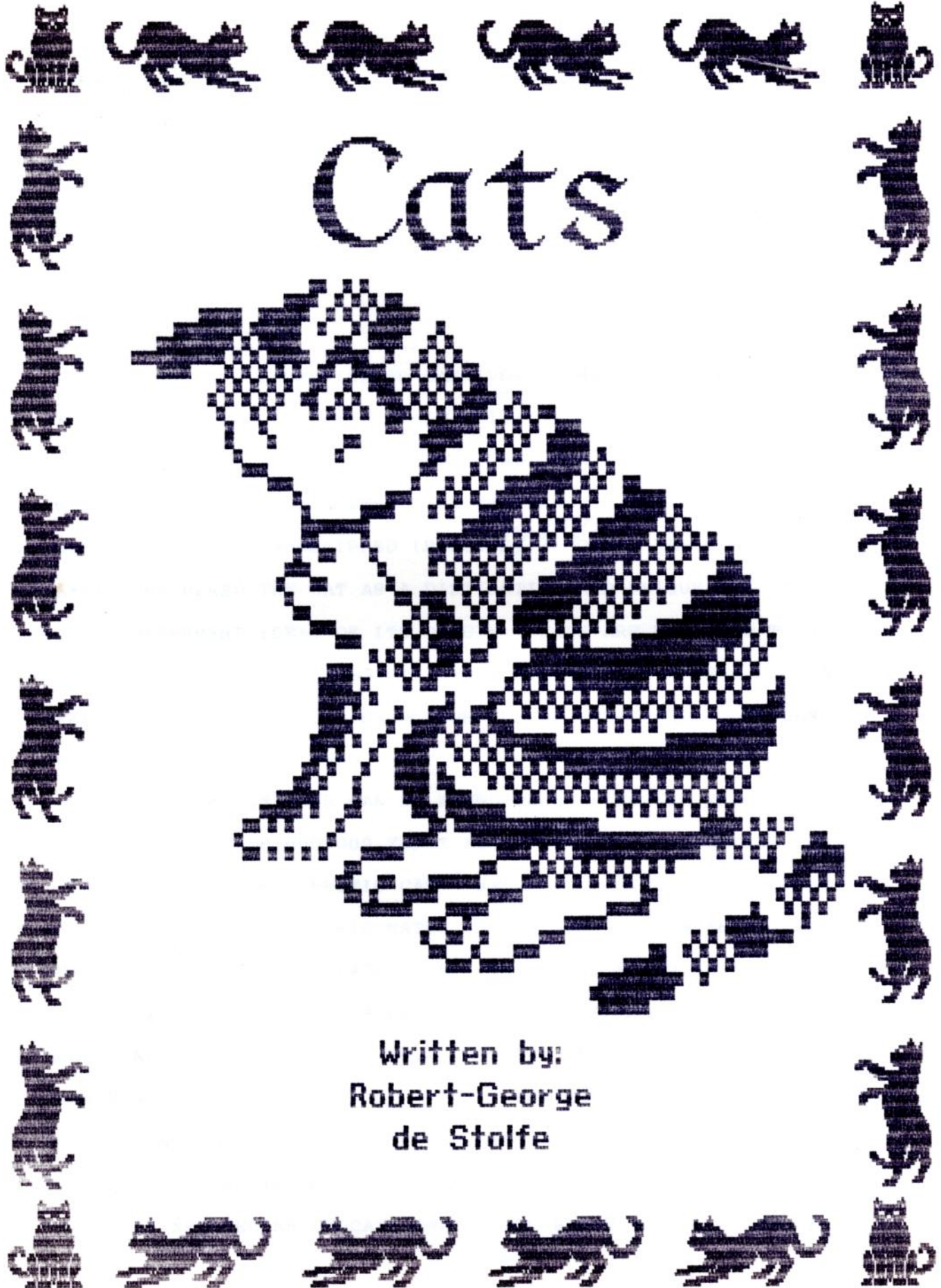
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# Back Page Literature



## Cats



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# Back Page Literature

## Cats by Robert-George de Stolfe

*I'm reaching way back to the Summer of 1990 when I took a High School class, English IV, to get ahead, not because I had to retake the class. To be quite honest, I did not like the teacher to take the class for a full school year, so I decided to take the class for the short summer to get it out of the way! I wrote this paper and turned in the final version on July 24, 1990. That is almost exactly 30 years ago! This was a research paper. So mind you that the internet did not yet exist and research was done by books, magazines, pamphlets, and whatever else I could find that would be credible sources for the research. In addition, at that time using an encyclopedia set was the equivalent to using Wikipedia today! My final grade was an 81. (I told you I did not like the teacher!)*

*For this journal, I removed the parenthetical references and adjust a few minor areas. In addition, I edited the writing to exclude phrases, sentences, and paragraphs, which are noted using "[...]"*



The cat is a domesticated carnivorous mammal kept to kill mice and rats and as a pet. It also belongs to the cat family felidae. It is believed that the first cats were from Egypt. The Egyptians were like servants to the majestic cats, which were highly worshipped. Other lands as well as Egypt considered the cat as a distinctive and unique animal, and so the different ideas of its origin. Cats are believed to have originated in ancient Egypt; they eventually spread to many areas of the world and are considered, by Egypt and other lands, to be an important animal.

The cat family tree can be found through fossil records [...] into lower Oligocene times. The domestic cat — felis domesticus — has evolved as a scavenger... when migratory humans settled into village life. Scientists theorize that the first feline ancestor was an animal called miacis. [...] years later, a cat-like animal, dinictis, evolved from miacis. This animal dinictis [...] was a long-bodied, short-legged creature that adapted well during the prehistoric era of time. Dinictis was the forerunner of 35 feline species of cats that still exist today. The cats' disposition to go after prey may have helped their domestication. The Ethiopians were given credit for the arrival of cats into Egypt, but ancient Egypt was given credit for being the first to domesticate the cat.

Even though the Egyptians domesticated the cat [...] the cat is a direct descendant of an African wildcat — felis libyca. Unfortunately, it is impossible to distinguish wild from domestic types of cats until New Kingdom times (1570-1085 BC) in Egypt.

At the end of the cats' Egyptian period, there were hundreds of years of cat history which almost nothing is known. At a later period, the news about the cats' talent as a rodent-catcher began to spread overseas and across the land. Greek and Phoenician traders probably smuggled some domestic cats to Europe and the Middle East in about 1000 BC. When they arrived in Europe, although, their reign in Egypt as a god already begun to decline; and, unfortunately, they were doomed in Europe during the Middle Ages. The Europeans associated the European wildcat - felis sylvestris - with darkness and evil and were considered a symbol of the devil and were often killed. The cats were blamed for everything from souring beer to the spreading of disease. The destruction of so many cats is believed to have led to a huge increase in the rat population which caused the spread of Black Death, or Bubonic Plague, among people in Europe. Despite a superstition that cats could also cause shipwrecks, some sailors took them along on sea voyages. By the 1600s, Europeans had begun

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to realize once again the importance of cats in controlling rodents.

Europeans brought domestic cats to the new world in the 1600s and 1700s and first arrived in New England. No domestic cats existed in the new world until brought from Europe. Throughout the 1800s, settlers would bring cats along with them as they moved westward. Because European explorers, colonists, and traders took cats with them on their sea voyages, that [might explain] why we have so many cats now in the US and Canada. Now in modern times, cats are native to all lands except Australia, Antarctica, and most of the world's oceanic islands. The cat has continued almost unchanged since ancient times.

By about 1500 BC, the Egyptians had begun to consider the cat sacred. The cats were more than mere friends. Even before the felines were domesticated, the people of Egypt held all cats with high regard. They were the first to keep cats in their homes. The cats were immediately accepted into Egyptian families; they were loved for the same reasons as we love them today. They also saw the felines with inspiring and mysteriousness. To the Egyptians, the cats' eyes were fascinating. They thought its

strange gaze could penetrate the mind and soul, and so to regulate their lives somewhat. The fact that the cats made no distinction between day or night made them think that the cat could protect them from total darkness during the night. Also, the widening and narrowing of their eyes with the brightening and dimming of light seemed as evidence of a relationship between the cats, the sun, and the moon. [...] The Egyptian word for cat is mau, miaw, or maou meaning "to see".

[...]

[...]

[...]

The Egyptians were the first to believe in afterlife, or immortality, so the eventual death of the family cat must have been a painful experience for those Egyptians who considered their pet divine. Upon the death of a cat, the cat's master started by wrapping the animal in clean linen and then he carried it through the streets until he reached the mortician's office. While there, the mortician carefully embalmed and treated the cat with drugs and spices before wrapping it again in colorful strips of cloth for mummification. When the wrapping process was

completed, a piece of cloth was laid over the eyes and carefully painted to match the original eyes. As a final touch, a turquoise collar was put around the cat's neck. It was then deposited, sometimes with mummified mice, in a bronze or wood case that measured up to 3 feet high. The bereaved went immediately into mourning and shaved off their eyebrows in grief. The actual funeral varied with the degree of importance achieved by the cat.

Many other countries have their own ideas of the cat. The ancient Greeks and Romans valued the cats for their ability to control rodents. In Rome, the cat was a symbol of liberty and was regarded as the guardian spirit of a household. Poland has a tale about a cat and her kittens and willow bush, [known as] a pussywillow. The Welsh people kept cats; they prized them highly. The oriental cultures admired the beauty and mystery of the cat. They were used to protect temple manuscripts from destruction by rats and mice. The animals were famous subjects of artists and writers in China and Japan. [...]

[...]

