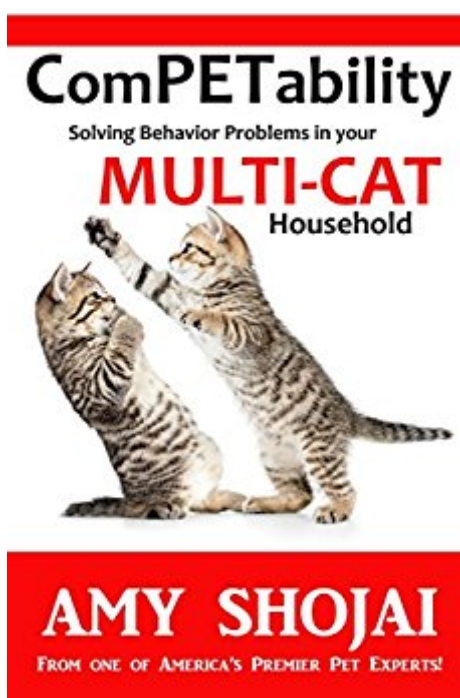


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# ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-Cat Household



## Synopsis

Whether you share your home with a single cat or multiple felines, this new guide by a seasoned cat behaviorist and cat trainer teaches you about cats aggression, cat clawing, litter box problems and more. You'll find detailed prescriptive how-to advice focused in the most common cat behavior problems found in the multi-cat household from fearful felines and bully cats, to cat food challenges, loud mouth meowing and counter top cruising, and how to introduce cats to other pets and kids. This book addresses every cat behavior question you have.

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YEAR! Cat behavior puzzles the most savvy cat lovers, and cat behavior problems lose cats their homes. Cat behavioral problems arise out of owners not understanding cat language and normal animal behavior. Training a cat helps stop cat biting, for instance, and this book explains the behavior of cats whether you have a single feline or multiple cats. The United States is home to 86.4 million owned cats, and 52 percent of owners own more than one cat. That means more furry love for owners, but also can put your cats' tails in a twist over that (HISS!) new feline friend.

From conflicts over favorite sleep spots to sharing potty facilities, adding new pets rubs fur the wrong way and creates hairy situations for everyone--including you. Use these fun techniques to calm fears, explain cat body language, and strengthen the bond you share with your cats. Step by step tips from this award-winning author and certified animal behavior consultant explain how to:

- \*Recognize and diffuse cat aggression
- \*Stop cat bites
- \*Settle disputes cat territory squabbles
- \*Solve hit and miss litter box problems
- \*Cure cat scratching with scratching post training
- \*Manage cat nutrition and meals
- \*Soothe cat stress and cat fear
- \*Reduce bullying behavior
- \*How to choose pet friends to reduce cat fights
- \*Learn proper cat introduction techniques
- \*Introduce cats and a new baby or kids
- \*Solve common pet peeves: meowing, cat clawing, kitty countertop cruising, feline door dashing and more!
- \*Understand weird cat behaviors and cat facts: feline phone attraction, kitty mirror fear, "elevator butt" and cat toilet pests

Fun, practical, and eminently informative, ComPETability helps owners devise strategies to prevent, reduce or eliminate cat behavior problems. This also enables multiple cats to live in harmony within the same household. Written by one of America's premier pet experts, the book explains everything the loving cat owner needs to know. Most important, ComPETability provides crucial tips on how to evaluate and match your pets' personalities, improve their relationships, and make your home a sanctuary for cat fun and peace. For more pet behavior advice refer to: ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your CAT/DOG Household ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-DOG Household

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## Customer Reviews

Like all of Amy Shojai's cat books (and I own several) this has fabulous advice couched in easy to understand terms. It is my new bible for my three-cat household with 'issues.'

Very happy...

IT'S BEAUTIFUL. NOW IF I CAN USE SOME OF THESE TECHNIQUES ON MY WIFE THEN WE REALLY HAVE SOMETHING GOOD.

I didn't particularly care for this book.

informative.

"ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-Cat Household", by Amy Shojai

"ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-Cat Household", by Amy Shojai, is part of a series to help those who have multi-pet households. It was published by FurryMuse Publications in 2012. As the title suggests, this book is a resource for those who have more than one cat. As Ms. Shojai is a pet behaviorist, she is more than qualified in this area. Years ago she began her crusade for animals by becoming a veterinary technician. Almost naturally, she became a pet writer. She has won more than two dozen awards for her writing. ComPETability for multi-cat homes is a great resource book for new cat owners, as well as those who have had cats all their lives. It is a book that can be read from cover to cover, or just by topic. The cover is very appropriate as it has two cats that look to be fighting over who is the dominant one. Amy goes into this problem extensively. The obvious play on words in the title shows Ms. Shojai's delightful sense of humor. She uses her wit throughout the book to keep the reader enthralled. The book is in four parts. The first part is an overview of the book, cat specific details, and behavior and training. Part Two covers problems and solutions. Amy uses the P. E. T. Test to find out why cats are having behavior problems. "The acronym stands for Physical Health, Emotional Well - Being, and Traits of Instinct. Only by knowing what triggers a 'bad' behavior can you devise a plan to address the situation." Part Three is my favorite part, "Common Multipet Frustrations". This part covers the reasons why cats do the things they do. The last parts of this book are the Appendixes. We all know how mysterious cats can be. This book helped me to think like a cat. Even though my house has been a multi-cat home for close to 20 years, this book has taught me quite a lot. For instance, years ago I had two cats, Tiffany and BoBo. They became like sister and brother; cuddling when they could and even grooming each other. Tiffany became sick and eventually had to be put down. Bobo grieved for months, and began to become very needy. I found that this is quite common and I probably would have made the grieving process a little easier for him had I let him see Tiffany's body before burying it. I enjoyed reading this book from cover to cover and I am sure that it will be my go-to book in the future. As usual, Amy Shojai entertained me with her "ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-Cat Household". You, too, can be entertained by this book. I bought the Kindle version on .com for \$5.99.

I foster cats for a spay, neuter, adopt or release program. As a result We have many cats. I have learned many things from this book (e.g., T-Touch method, cats don't like to spray of aluminum foil, and many other things).

Multi-cat households post a host of challenges and introducing a new kitty to the brood may not be as smooth as you'd hoped. In *ComPETability, Solving Behavior Problems in Your Multi-Cat Household*, Amy Shojai does a fantastic job explaining the whys, wherefores and potential solutions to make the kitties at least be amicable towards one another. In this book, she covers everything from moving to a new home, introducing a new boyfriend or baby, to bringing in a new kitten. She breaks the book into three parts: \*Part One, "Understanding ComPETability outlines the joys of a multiple cat home along with cat-specific details, including how they learn, socialize and communicate, as well as background on behavior modification and training techniques.\*Part Two, "Common Problems and Practical Solutions" addresses the specifics of aggression, bathroom challenges, emotional issues, feeding concerns, and introductions in multi-cat households.\*Part Three, "Common Multipet Frustrations," explains some cat idiosyncrasies that we all wonder about like why cats follow humans to the toilet. It also talks about the top behavior complaints of pet owners, many which could be solved with a little training. Many cats end up relinquished to animal shelters because of these behavioral problems, especially litter box issues. The amount of information in this book is unbelievable, even for someone who knows a tad or two about felines. She goes into group behavior, feral cat clowder society, aggression, creating a time-out for the bad kitty, having safe rooms for more timid kitties or new ones to retreat to, and much much more. For anyone that has more than one cat or is thinking of adding a new feline to the group (this can include dogs as well, though Shojai has a more detailed book about dog and cat households, *ComPETability, Solving Behavior Problems in Cat-Dog Household*) this should be an absolute must reference. It's more than a quick read. It's loaded with info that you'll want by your fingertips as the dynamics of your feline household change for day to day and year to year.

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