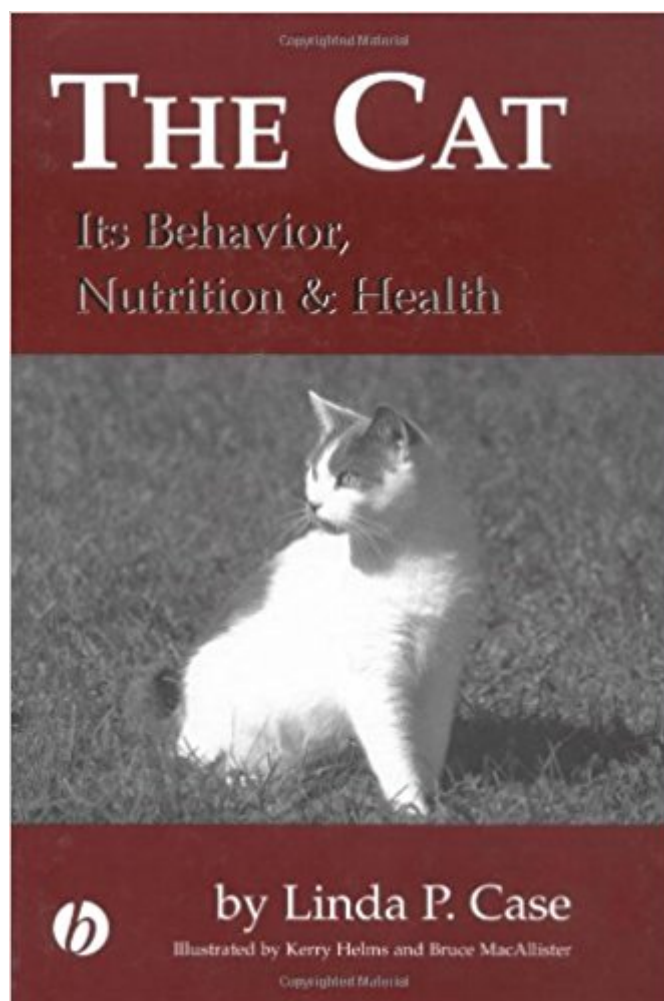


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# The Cat: Its Behavior, Nutrition And Health



## Synopsis

Today, approximately 27% of households in the United States own at least one cat. This comprises a total of almost 60 million total pet cats. An 8 billion dollar pet food industry and the more than 7 billion dollars that pet owners spend on veterinary care each year provide tangible evidence of the increasing importance that companion animals have in our society. Additionally, the bond that owners have with their cats and the many health benefits that are afforded by this bond have been the topic of numerous research studies in the past 25 years. The cat as a cherished companion is here to stay, and many owners, students and pet professionals are eager to learn more about man's OTHER best friend, *Felis catus*. *The Cat: Its Behavior, Nutrition and Health*, the textbook of the cat, is written as a companion book to *The Dog: Its Behavior, Nutrition and Health*. This book provides pet owners, undergraduate students and pet professionals with a complete guide to four topical areas that are of interest. These are: The history of the human-cat relationship; behavior of the domestic cat; feline nutrition; and feline health and disease. *The Cat* will fill the need for an academic textbook for undergraduate animal science courses, veterinary technician programs, and cat care or breeding classes. It will also serve as an important resource for pet professionals such as breeders, exhibitors, groomers, and veterinary practitioners.

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THE CAT Its Behavior, Nutrition & Health offers comprehensive coverage of man's OTHER best friend, the cherished companion of millions of Americans. Information covers: Knowing the

cat-domestication, breeding, genetics, and more Behavior-understanding and training the domestic cat Health care and disease prevention Nutrition and feeding throughout the life cycle and much more. Concise yet thorough, *The Cat* fills the need for an academic textbook for undergraduate animal science courses, veterinary technician programs, and cat care or breeding classes, and serves as an important resource for breeders, exhibitors, groomers, and veterinary practitioners.

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I am an ailourophile that is in the field working with cats every day. This is one of the best books (maybe the best?) I have ever come across about feline natural history, health and behavior. I am only about 1/3 of the way through, but I am always looking for a chance to sit down and read another chapter. This book is well-researched, well-written, and extremely relevant to those in the veterinary field, feline rescue and welfare, and owners, alike. I so appreciate being able to go to a single source for such a wide-variety of topics. For those who consider themselves more 'lay readers', this is a book from Blackwell and so the topics are explored pretty in-depth. I cannot afford to subscribe to the relevant journals so I love that the author here has done the research and compiled what is currently known into user-friendly chunks. If you are passionate about cats and have an above-average interest in their biology and genetics, you will appreciate this book. if you want a compendium about all the feline breeds, though, this is not the best resource. The author can only touch upon those that have the most relevance due to popularity, history, or those of particular medical or behavioral interest.

Our first cat being some 3 months old right now I wanted to know more about cats, their behavior and their nutrition. This book provided all the information I wanted and more. I now have a feeling I know what I'm talking about (at least a bit). Definitely worth the purchase.

My book is missing pages 377 - 389. I am very displeased with this purchase. I already highlighted parts in my book and I was taking a midterm, when I got to the glossary I noticed I was missing 12 pages.

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