

Facts about cats you may not have known.

1. The scientific name for the domestic cat is *Felis catus*.
2. Cats are one of the most popular pets in the world.
3. A group of cats is called a clowder.
4. Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, while dogs have only 10.
5. A cat's nose pad is unique, just like a human fingerprint.
6. Cats can see in near darkness, thanks to their specialized eyes.
7. A cat can jump up to six times its length in a single bound.
8. Cats are obligate carnivores, which means they need to eat meat to survive.
9. A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than a dog's brain.
10. A cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human's heart.
11. A cat's tongue is covered in tiny spines called papillae, which help them groom themselves.
12. Cats can retract their claws to keep them sharp and clean.
13. The average cat can run up to 30 miles per hour.
14. A cat's whiskers help them to navigate in the dark and to judge whether they can fit through small spaces.
15. The first cat show was held in 1871 in London.
16. Cats can be trained to use the toilet instead of a litter box.
17. A cat's ear has 32 muscles, which allow them to move their ears in different directions.
18. A group of kittens is called a kindle.
19. A cat's heart rate increases when they're happy or content.
20. The oldest known cat lived to be 38 years old.
21. Cats can't taste sweet things because they lack the necessary taste receptors.
22. The scientific term for a hairball is a trichobezoar.
23. A cat's average lifespan is 12-15 years.
24. Cats have a unique collar bone that allows them to move their front legs independently.
25. A cat's eyesight is best at dawn and dusk.
26. Black cats are considered good luck in many cultures, including in Japan and the United Kingdom.
27. A cat's tail helps them to balance and communicate their mood.
28. Cats have a flexible spine that allows them to twist their bodies to fit into small spaces.
29. A cat's nose is unique, just like a human's, and can be used to identify them.

30. The world's longest cat measured over 4 feet in length.
31. A cat's meow is not innate, but rather something they learn to communicate with humans.
32. The Egyptian Mau is the oldest cat breed.
33. The world's largest cat weighed over 46 pounds.
34. Cats purr when they're happy, but also when they're in pain or stressed.
35. A cat's whiskers are as long as the width of their body.
36. The record for the most kittens born to a single cat is 420.
37. Cats can't taste bitter things because they lack the necessary taste receptors.
38. The smallest cat breed is the Singapura, which typically weighs around 5 pounds.
39. Cats are often lactose intolerant and can become sick if they consume too much dairy.
40. Cats have a unique walk, with both right and left legs moving together in unison.
41. The first cat to go to space was named Félicette and was launched by the French space program in 1963.
42. A cat's nose is wet because it helps to enhance their sense of smell.
43. Cats have been domesticated for over 10,000 years.
44. The Maine Coon is the largest domesticated cat breed.