



Visit The Wildside!

Domestic Cats

Many people have a pet cat or know someone who does! This special pet comes in all sorts of breeds and colors. Some are long-haired and some are short-haired, and some have no hair at all! Their fur can be different colors or just one, but it usually depends on the breed. The most common breed in America is the American Shorthair.

Cats normally weigh between 7-15 pounds, and the heaviest cat ever recorded was named Himmy and weighed 46 pounds! Overweight cats often have a variety of health problems, so it is very important to feed cats a proper diet. Indoor cats typically eat cat food, which is a blend of nutrients that cats need. Outdoor and feral cats hunt small animals like birds, mice, rats, and even small rabbits!

Cats love to play! Playing with small toys and string resembles hunting, and they love to practice and improve on their hunting skills. They also will play by fighting with both humans and other cats.

Kittens are especially known to love play-fighting with each other and with 4-7 kittens born in a litter, they have plenty of playmates!

Domestic cats have been around for a long time. While it was common only known that



cats were domesticated by Egyptians, recent discoveries actually point to cats domesticated for more than 10,000 years!

Cats have some amazing senses! Their hearing is much better than a humans, and they can even rotate their ears 180 degrees! They also can see in much darker places. This "night vision" allows them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see.

Did You Know?

- Abraham Lincoln had four cats in the White House while he was president!
- On average, house-cats live between 12 and 15 years.
- Average cats can sleep 16-18 hours a day!
- To greet each other, cats touch noses.

