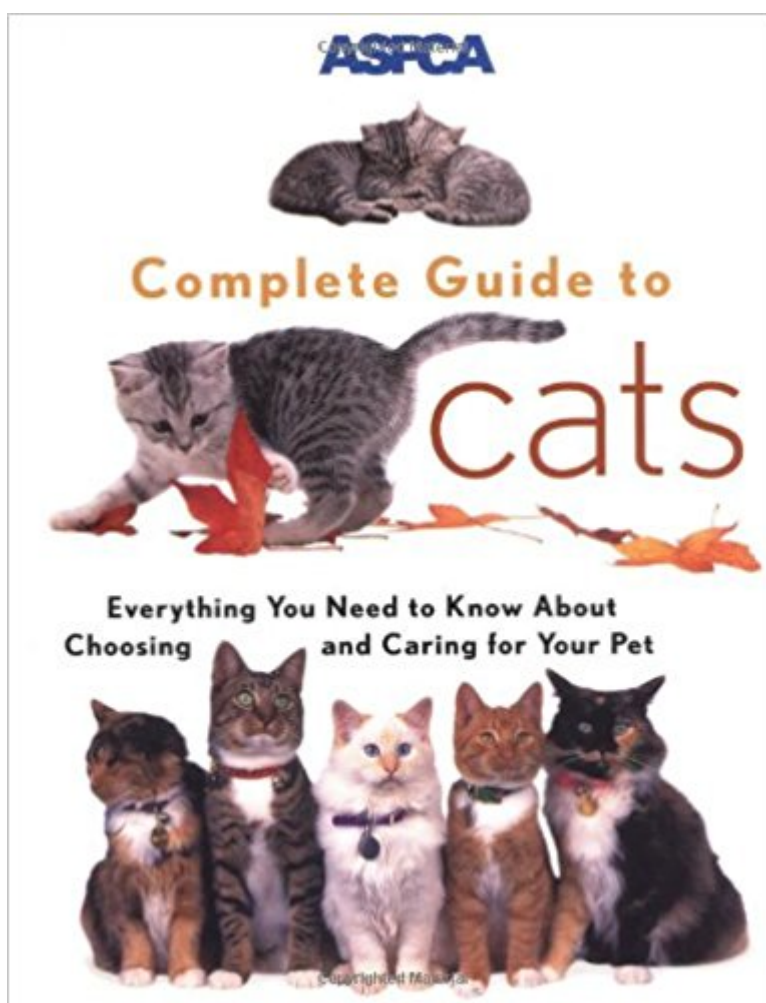


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# ASPCA Complete Guide To Cats: Everything You Need To Know About Choosing And Caring For Your Pet (Aspc Complete Guide To)



## Synopsis

Indispensable for both first-time and experienced cat owners, the ASPCA Complete Guide to Cats is the one place to turn for up-to-date information on feline health and behavior, including detailed advice on feeding, grooming, veterinary care, litterbox training, and the special needs of kittens, older cats, and cats from a shelter. With more than 450 illustrations and photos, and an easy-to-use guide to the personalities, characteristics, and idiosyncrasies of the fifty most popular breeds, this handy volume offers real, reliable answers to all of your questions about cats.

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For many, the search for a comprehensive cat-care book often leads to frustration, finding only specific topics addressed in each book--from a care primer here to a breed book there. Now, from the ASPCA, comes the Complete Guide to Cats, covering everything that a cat owner needs to know about choosing and caring for a kitty. Beginning in section 1 with the basics of how to bring a cat into your life (choosing your new pet, preparing your home for the new arrival), section 2 goes on to offer detailed information on cat breeds and how to decide which breed is the right one for you. Section 3 covers a brief history of the domestic feline, how the cat works (framework of bones and muscles, the organs, digestive and urinary systems, reproductive system), and understanding your cat. The final section of the guide is devoted to taking care of your cat, including keeping your kitty healthy and common feline health problems, home nursing, first aid, and special care, such as mating, pregnancy, and birth, as well as the older years. With a multitude of color photographs and

illustrations sprinkled throughout the clear and concise text--not to mention the added value of appendices that offer a host of helpful information including important telephone numbers and a glossary of cat-related terms--the ASPCA Complete Guide to Cats is a must-have for the owner that wants the best for their feline friend.

Reviews from: Cat Fancy Cats By Kathryn Gallagher If cat questions swarm through your head, The ASPCA Complete Guide to Cats has the answers. This book provides indispensable advice on health, behavior, grooming, veterinary care and litter box training for both novice and experienced cat owners. Adorable illustrations and photos enhance the pages, and a guide to cat personalities explores 50 of the most popular breeds. In my house, cat-care books seem almost as plentiful as cat hair. As a book reviewer who lives with four cats, I see a lot of each. One of the best feline health and behavior books I've come across in a long time is the ASPCA Complete Guide to Cats. Drawing upon his professional expertise as director of the Cornell Feline Health Center, James R. Richards offers readers a thorough, well-written look at all things feline. Emphasizing health, behavior and inclusion into the right home, the author guides cat owners through the selection and lifelong care of a cat. Cat breeds and historical information are also included in this practical, user-friendly reference book.

This is a very good introductory to cats. It covers a broad range of topics with a good amount of detail. I am an animal sciences major and we used this as a textbook in one of our courses, so that should tell you something about the quality of information. There are definite points of view expressed in this guide, but I've found them to be in line with everything else I have learned from the veterinary community as well as animal shelters. People may disagree with some of the stances taken by the ASPCA, but there is good evidence for those expressed in this book. The companion guide for dogs is identical in format, and some of the information in the health section is almost word-for-word the same. The two are very comparable in quality.

Needing a book on "cats 101", as I'm a dog and horse person, I decided to take a chance on this book. I was Not disappointed at all. The first half of the book had examples of each breed of cat and what each was like, which ones were "lap cats", etc. The second had about breeding, birth and health issues. As I babysit my girlfriend's eight cats from time to time, this will really help in knowing how cats "tick".

Everything you need to know about taking care of cats and brief information about different breeds.  
Easy to read for all ages with photos.

If you have a cat, you need this

Good need all book

Great book, but I think I should have gone with 'Cat's for Dummies', for a better explanation of cat behavior. Still, this gives excellent insight into different breed temperaments, behaviors, and common breed health problems. Despite the explanation, I must say that cats are individual creatures, so if you plan to adopt a cat from a shelter (like I have), breed commonalities often will mean nothing, but knowing potential health issues is good.

We've owned Cats for 35 years and have found this book to be of significant importance. It is clear, concise and gets to the point without confusing terminology. The photographs are wonderfully descriptive. One caveat: buy this book and thoroughly read it through before adopting a kitten or cat. On many occasions, the author cautions on the importance of making a commitment to the responsibility of owning a pet, and the many duties inherent with caring for one of the most beautiful creations.

Very informative and useful.

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