

THE PET CONNECTION

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Fun Facts About Cats!

Here's some cat trivia to share at your next cocktail party!

- ⤴ Backward-pointing spikes on a cat's tongue aid in their grooming.
- ⤴ The nose pad of a cat is ridged in a pattern that is unique, just like the finger print of a human.
- ⤴ A cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human heart beat, about 110-140 beats a minute.
- ⤴ Calico cats are almost always female.
- ⤴ A single pair of cats, and their kittens, can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in just 7 years.
- ⤴ A cat's normal body temperature is 101.5 degrees.
- ⤴ The first cat show was held in 1895 at Madison Square Garden, in New York City.
- ⤴ It is believed that a white cat sitting on your door step just before your wedding is a sign of lasting happiness.
- ⤴ Cats need 1/6 the amount of light that humans do to see.
- ⤴ Cats can see up to 120 feet away. Their peripheral vision is about 285 degrees.
- ⤴ Never feed your cat dog food. Cats need more protein than dogs do.
- ⤴ A group of kittens is called a "kindle".
- ⤴ Cats are more aggressive when they are not neutered or spayed.
- ⤴ An adult cat has 32 teeth.
- ⤴ A cat can jump up to five times it's own height in a single bound.
- ⤴ Cats sleep about 16 hours a day.
- ⤴ A female cat is called a "queen".
- ⤴ According to myth, a cat sleeping with all four paws tucked under means cold weather is coming.
- ⤴ In an average year, Americans spend \$4 billion on cat food and \$295 million on kitty litter.
- ⤴ A flashlight makes a great cat toy!
- ⤴ Cats have 5 toes on each front foot, but only 4 toes on each back foot.
- ⤴ In the 1750s Europeans introduced cats to the Americas to control pests.

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"No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens."

-Abraham Lincoln

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