

Is a Cat Right for You?



While cats make purr-fect pets for some people, they don't for others. Cats are dependent on their owners for all their needs -- food, water, medical attention, exercise, shelter, and, most important, companionship. For many people, the years of unconditional love and devotion they receive from their furry "kids" far outweigh the daily responsibilities. But for others, their lifestyles make it impossible.

If you have decided that a feline would fit perfectly into your family, there are still more things to consider...

Do you want a kitten or an adult cat?

This is especially important to decide before you get to the shelter. The attraction of tiny mewling kittens is hard to resist, but kittens need a lot of attention and will have to be house-trained. On the plus side, kittens adapt quickly to their surroundings. For many people, an adult cat is a wise choice, especially if they are at work all day or would not enjoy the boisterous antics of a kitten.

What is your preferred coat length?

Do you want a cat with long, medium, or short hair? Long-haired cats require almost daily brushing to keep their fur from matting, so be prepared to spend regular time grooming these cats.

Do you want a male cat or a female cat?

Both male and female felines can be equally playful and affectionate! Gender is based purely on personal preference!

YOU MAY BE THE PERFECT CAT OWNER IF YOU . . .

- Believe caring for a pet for 15 to 18 years does not seem like a lifetime.
- Look forward to having your ankles rubbed by an affectionate, hairy animal.
- Don't mind sharing your house with someone who sheds, tracks kitty litter and throws up hairballs.
- Don't mind sharing your house with someone who will never clean up after him or herself.
- Love a housemate who will randomly and regularly entertain you with outrageous and silly antics (at his whim, not yours).
- Want to take care of someone every day.
- Like your lap warmed whenever you sit down.
- Would like to spend your extra money on pet food, toys, veterinary care, kitty litter and more kitty litter.

- Want to be welcomed with a soft purr of appreciation.
- Believe that spaying and neutering pets will help solve the pet overpopulation problem.
- Can't imagine leaving your devoted pet behind when you move.
- Want to keep an ID tag on your pets, so they can always get back to you no matter what.
- Enjoy unconditional love and constant companionship.
- Believe that keeping your cat indoors is best for your pet's well-being.

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