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A fully revised and updated edition of the bestselling feline behavior bible.

There are approximately eighty-five million cats owned as pets in the United States alone. And thanks to her regular appearances in the media and at veterinary conferences and humane organizations-most of their owners already recognize Pam Johnson-Bennett as the authority on all things feline.

The award-winning author and host of Animal Planet UK's *Psycho Kitty*, has continued to refine her work and techniques. From basic health care to more serious behavioral issues, from training cats to use a scratching post to avoiding litter box problems this newly revised edition of *Think Like a Cat* covers all of a cat parent's most pressing concerns-and solidifies its position as the topic leader for years to come.

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Stephanie says

I'm skimming through this - I got the first edition on Interlibrary Loan & liked it so much that I bought it. :-)

I consider myself a kitty whisperer, but I'm learning some fun new things in this book. The tips about how to play with your cat (and how often: 1-2x per day, for 10-15 minutes each) are useful. Finally learned what the whiskers on the forepaws are for: "to sense any movement of prey trapped under the cat's front paws."

The book gives good tips on how to desensitize cats to the scary experience of going to the vet. Most of these involve food. :-) While my kitties aren't scared of the vet, reading this section made me appreciate my vet more, because they do some of the non-food tips to make my cats feel more comfortable while in the examining room.

The book is full of good information for new & old-timey cat owners!

Hilary says

This book was great for learning the rationale behind some basic behaviors in my cat. I recommend it for anyone who wants to understand why their cat acts the way it does.

Leisuresuitlarry says

An excellent resource and a damn good read. It makes me aware of just how lucky I was with my older cat and all the things I need to think about for my new kitten. You can find a lot of this information on the Internet, but it won't be collected all together and presented in an easy to read style.

Kelly says

This is a great resource for cat owners. This would be something I'd like to keep as a reference.

Nancy Meservier says

Think like a cat is basically a master class in pet ownership. Covering everything from the best scratching post, to coping with the death of a cat, Think Like a Cat covers pretty much everything you need to know. This makes it a very comprehensive and useful resource (want to know what it means when your cat is swishing her tail a certain way? That's in here too!), but the phrase "your mileage may vary" certainly applies here. The idea of clicker training may seem like a little much, and the concept of introducing a new spouse to

a cat is a life situation that may never apply to you, but there's no denying that you're going to find some really useful information in this book.

I picked up Think Like a Cat (the expanded edition with the meowing kitten on the cover) in preparation to picking up a second cat, and I can honestly say that the sections on introducing two cats has helped me prepare for the reality of the situation. In all honesty, I kind of wished that I had picked up this book before I got my first cat. Yes, the section about all the things in the house that might kill your new kitten is a little terrifying but it would have been great preparation for being a cat owner the first time.

surfmadpig says

Decent information, some of it very useful.

Some of it very obvious.

Much of it overcautious.

If I didn't already have a cat, this kind of book might put me off getting one - by making me believe it's extremely hard work to tend to its needs. Yes, it's important to let people know there is more to taking care of a cat than feeding and cleaning the litterbox. But it amuses me that a book on cats by a cat lover can make them seem less likeable than they are.

ara133photography says

I think everyone who has a cat should read this! Lots of info; the behavioral chapters are particularly helpful.

Elizabeth says

I found this book to be extremely helpful when I was grieving for my senior cat who passed away, and preparing to welcome new kittens into my life. Really great tips for setting up a home for little ones, and understanding how to manage a multi-cat household.

Marvin says

The following guest review is by Maslow. It is his opinion only and is not necessarily that of the regular reviewer.

First of all, I am glad to see a human better themselves by thinking like a cat. If more people did this, you might stop stagnating and evolve into a higher life form.

Think Like a Cat should be essential reading for anyone chosen worthy of sharing living space with a feline. However, Ms. Johnson-Bennett makes a common error in thinking people are cat owners. No one owns a cat. It usually the other way around. This leads to a really silly chapter about choosing the right cat. Needless to say, the cat chooses you. Do you really think a little allegedly starving kitten later named Maslow just ended up on your doorstep by coincidence. That kitten spent two days casing the neighborhood for the right chumps. And the fact that it was on a day reaching a temperature of 110F? Extra pathos points.

But the rest of the book has it right. Topics covered include cat health (Brush me, Dammit!), the right kind of toys (interactive please), scratching posts (essential if you don't want your sofa looking like something in a modern art museum), and any other topic that has to do with cats. This book should be required reading for any novice who wishes to serve a cat and just as important for old-time cat ~~owners~~ victims so they can correct their past mistakes and not end up with a hairball purposely placed in their shoe.

I hope you liked my review. If you did, do not send money. Catnip will be fine.

Patricia says

A really great guide to bringing your new cat home and living happily with it. Johnson-Bennett covers everything from getting down on your knees to see things from kitten height to encouraging daily play sessions to helping solve problems such as spraying and clawing furniture. I didn't make it through this whole guide before it had to go back, but will get it again when cat ownership is closer to my future.

Pamela says

An almost overwhelming resource. I thought I knew cats pretty well, but this book showed me that I'm a terrible person who doesn't brush her cat's teeth and doesn't spend enough time engaging in interactive play. And the last 40 or so pages terrifyingly catalogues every disease that could possibly befall your cat.

That aside, "thinking like a cat" has actually helped me figure out why Taco does some of the weird/annoying things he does. The book also introduced me to the concept of clicker training, and now Taco comes when he's called and doesn't start leaping for his food before I've set it down. This cat and I are almost on the same wavelength now...though that doesn't mean we necessarily agree with each other.

Abby says

This book was very informative and helpful, but at times I wondered if the author erred on the side of the over-cautious. She makes many good points, but even my vet is a little more laid back with her pet care policies. Still, this book answered a lot of questions for me.

Ang Hill says

This book is amazing and incredible for any cat lover. Whether you owned cats, are thinking about entering into being enslaved by felines, it is a must read. Filled with important info on cats, you will also find general cat care, first aid and caring for the kitten or senior citizen. Easy to read, let your behavior questions be answered.

Crystal says

This book is useful even if you already know cats. The information on reading body language is very helpful. I've also started clicker training my cats and it's going pretty well.

However, I felt myself getting anxiety reading the early chapters about bringing home a kitten. If you did everything the author recommends, you'd be getting ready for months and never want to leave the house for fear of your kitten committing suicide.

Carissa says

Not as crazy as the picture on the cover makes it look.
