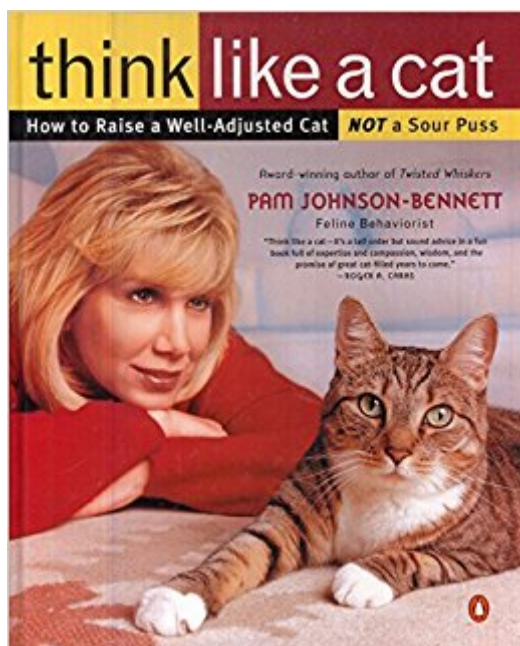


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# Think Like A Cat



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comprehensive guide to cat care and training, she helps you understand the instincts that guide feline behavior. Using behavior modification and play therapy techniques, she shares successful methods that will help you and your cat build a great relationship.

I got this book because I was thinking about getting a cat and wanted to know more about what to expect and do. I got it and was reading through it as I started my search, and as I write this my new cat is sleeping under the bed in the next room because she likes it there better than any silly store bought "kitty condo." The first piece of advice I followed was to visit each potential cat in person. I found out fast that pictures of cats online are a lot like pictures of singles online. The picture was almost always of the actual cat, but sometimes from as much as 2 years earlier. In people years that's more than the difference between high school graduation and a ten year reunion. And some cats just may not take to you. But I'm so grateful to this book because there are so many little details that I never realized (like the information about string and rubber bands which I use freely around the house) that could hurt my new kitty by accident. This is more than just cat psychology, this an extended guide to the physical and social care of a cat or cats. I used some tips to make friends with kitty when she just got here, just sitting in the room and letting her walk all around me without making a move to touch her. She was the barkiest little kitty the first week, which I think was her way of asking me who I was and what I wanted, since I knew how to assess her body language I decided she was not being aggressive, just simply seemed curious. And the next thing I knew she was greeting me with that silent meow, sniffing my hands and butting her head under them in a clear signal to be petted. Also, I finally found out why cats have always liked me so much; because I leave them alone and let them come to me when they are ready. Using this book as a guide I wound up with exactly what I wanted: a sweet domestic cat to share my home and life with and the information on how best to take care of her. I recommend this book anyone who wants to take good care of a cat.

I just got my first cat (she's 6 months old) and have been searching around desperately ever since for a good, solid reference book full of everything I need to know to keep my cat healthy and happy. A kind of "Our Bodies, Our Selves" for my pet, you could say. But most of the books I found were all pictures, no substance. I stumbled across this one when I found it on a sale table. I thought it was just going to be a handbook on cat psychology, but it turns out it's much, much more! This book has information on just about everything you would ever need to know about taking care of your kitty. It's got a chapter on every subject I had a question about, plus informational lists (like, of which

houseplants are poisonous), very detailed and easy-to-follow instructions (like, on how to do CPR on your cat), and extremely innovative ideas and solutions to common problems (like, how to keep your cat off your kitchen counters). I heartily recommend this book to everybody who has a cat or is thinking about getting one. It's terrific!

I ordered this book because my 10 year old cat was acting depressed - due to the addition of a new, playful cat. It is excellent. The book covers everything you need to know - from how to decide on what cat to get - age, breed, and so on - to the final goodbye - with grooming, first aid, and so on in between. A whole chapter is devoted to the all important litterbox problem, and another to behavioural fixes, plus the importance of play. Even includes a medical glossary at the end. I have always had cats, and wouldn't have thought I needed a book like this - but I devoured it, and found out so many things I never knew - and how wrong some of my tactics were! This is a great source for cat lovers, and beats surfing the net and pumping your busy vet's brains. She is obviously a totally genuine expert, cat lover, AND she has a cute writing style - pleasant, with just enough humour. Buy!!!

I first bought Cat VS Cat from this author and she is indeed an expert on this subject. I found this book very solid and her writing style excellent but my problem is that this needs an updating from a nutritional standpoint. The world of "Pet food" has changed pretty dramatically as has our understanding of what dogs and cats should eat. Just saying "trust the major name brands" is woefully misleading and wrong. Some of the toy suggestions are pretty outdated as well, but still spot on with the homemade ones and what not. Overall a good book that could use a revision in certain areas and it would be perfect. The author is a very bright lady when it comes to cat behaviour.

Good information for a new cat owner

The book is an excellent read for anyone who has or plans on owning a cat. It is full of real meaningful help and suggestions on how to teach, train, and care for your kitty kat. The author definitely has a lot of insight to kitty kat behavior and how to deal with different situations you may encounter as a cat owner. She will show you how to deal with the varied personalities that cats have and how to get the most out of them in a positive way.

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