

Intermediate Level 2 Cat Knowledge Study Guide

- Know the Breed Characteristics for Cats
 - Body, Eyes, Ears, Head, Coat, Tail, Origin
- Two of the most popular breeds are the Persian and the Siamese.
- The only similarity between Persian and Siamese is that they are both from natural origin.
- There are 800 varieties of purebred cats.
- The American Cat Association is the oldest cat registry in the United States, established in 1904.
- Cat Senses – Know all 6 senses and the role it plays for a cat.
- Cats have exceptional sense of balance. The vestibular apparatus is the organ of balance located in the inner ear.
- The skeletal and muscular systems are adapted for near-perfect balance.
- There are only three members of the cat family that do not have retractable claws.
- To keep your cat excited about playing, vary the toys available so that they don't get bored so easily.
- Be familiar with ways to exercise your cat.
- Cats use their body posture and vocalizations to communicate with us, which lets us know that they are happy or upset.
- Be familiar with cat communication behaviors and a typical characteristic of each.
- Wild cats purr while inhaling, while domestic cats purr inhaling and exhaling.
- A cat's nails are produced by and are attached to the last bone of each toe in the cat's paw.
- Be familiar with the reasons for declawing, not declawing and options for declawing your cat.
- One eighth of an inch from the quick vein is the appropriate distance to trim your cat's nails.
- An injured or frightened cat can be very dangerous, due to their sharp teeth and claws.
- There are household plants that can be dangerous to your cat's health.
- Be familiar with conditions and illness that can be treated for your cat along with symptoms of each.
- Warming cat food will make cat food more appealing to the finicky eater.
- A cat used for visiting should be tolerant of being held and hugged by the resident of patient as well as being touched all over the body.
- Cats provide socializing effects, give a personal identity, reduce stress and facilitate healthful activities for the elderly.
- Cats use the earth's magnetic field for navigation and those wearing a magnet will not be able to find their way home.
- A declawed cat should never be left alone outside.
- Indoor cats have a life span approximately 6-7 times longer than outdoor cats.

Glossary words to know:

Abscess

Albino

Animal Rights

Calming Signals

Color points

DNA

Empathy

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)

Feline Infectious Enteritis (FIE)

Feral

Gestation

Greif

Heat

Immune System

Phenotype

Rabies

Queen

Stud

Vaccination

Virus

Additional things to be familiar with

Cat Breeds (page 6-7)

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