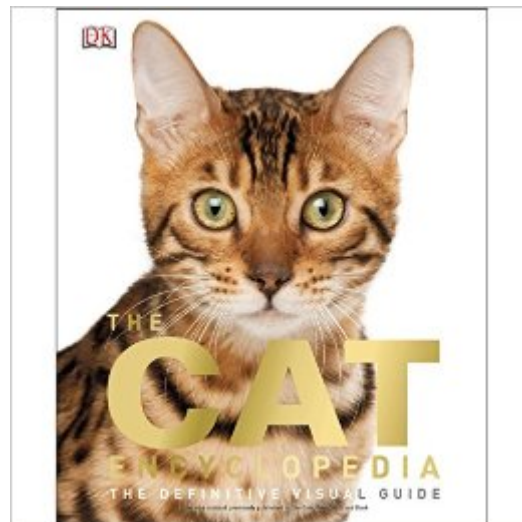


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# The Cat Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

More than 86 million Americans own at least one cat (that's 10+ million more than own a dog). Cats are truly Americans' favorite pets. Offering everything you need to know about cats in one easy-reference volume, *The Cat Encyclopedia* features stunning photographs of cat breeds from around the world combined with expert advice on kitten and cat care, and a celebration of cats in art and culture. *The Cat Encyclopedia* is packed with information on the characteristics, origins, and behaviors of each type of cat, and includes beautifully photographed profiles of the world's cat breeds.

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## Customer Reviews

Until I got my most recent cat about two years ago, I had forgotten how much I loved the little creatures. They bring something special to life. I pounced on the opportunity to read this new book, "The Cat Encyclopedia: The Definitive Visual Guide" when I found it at the local library weeks after its publication. Kim Dennis-Bryan, PhD, an authority, such as there is, on cats, is credited as the contributing editor of the volume. *The Cat Encyclopedia* is a large, heavy coffee-table sized book of 320 pages on glossy paper. It is a pleasure to read but large. As befitting its subject, the book can be a bit difficult to handle. Although it conveys a wealth of information, the book is fun and enjoyable. After all, who wants a dry boring tome when it comes to cats? The emphasis is on pictures of cats, mostly in color and well reproduced. The central section of the book consists of photographs of over 130 breeds of cats, both shorthair and longhair, with a discussion of the origin and characteristics of each breed. I was surprised to learn of the recent origin of many of the breeds. The beloved and common domestic short or longhairs remain at the center of the world of

cats and receive their deserved attention. The book offers an interesting and readable account of the biological evolution of the domestic cat and of cat biology. Then, the encyclopedia gives an overview of the sometimes tortured relationship between cats and humans (they were persecuted in Europe during the Middle Ages.) A further section of the Encyclopedia discusses cats in human culture, including religion, folklore, art, religion, and, if you will, the Internet. Following the large gallery of photos of cat breeds, the book concludes with a long useful discussion of cat care, from acquiring a cat, to enjoying it, to taking care of the animal in health and in sickness. The book reminded me of the difference of getting to know a cat by living with one and getting to know about cats by reading. Knowing about the animal is no substitute for living with a cat but it is a treat and informative just the same. Much of the material in this book was published only about a year ago as "The Complete Cat Breed Book". For those not having that book, it is worth having this new, expanded volume. This book will delight lovers of cats. Robin Friedman

I found a copy of this at my local library and decided to buy after having a look. In spite of being a life long cat fan, I actually found out things about them I did not know. The breed section is an excellent reference for identification. Strongly recommend this book for any cat owner or anyone thinking of getting a cat.

Unlike its dog counterpart, the updated version of the Encyclopedia of the Cat is significantly better than the old one. Not only does it include many more breeds, it provides even more color patterns and pictures than the old version ever did. The only issue I had was how there was only one picture for the Maine Coon and there was no seal point Siamese but those aren't big issues. This book is a very worthy upgrade if you like the old Encyclopedia of the Cat.

Great book. My kids 11,12,13,14 have their first cat. A lovely Sphynx named Violet. They love learning about her!<http://godsgiftsinmylife.blogspot.com/2015/10/violet-and-kitty-o.html> (you can "see" Violet here :o)

If you are trying to choose a cat to bring to your home, this load of information will overwhelm you and overheat your brain. Be careful! If you find this review helpful, please let me know and I will contribute to the community by reviewing other products

Good book for cat lovers or anybody wanting to learn about cats. Nice pictures and organization.

Only complain I have is that a few pages were wrinkled and torn. Did not want to bother with an exchange/return. Otherwise, a perfect book.

Wonderful book to help understand what's going on with your cat physically, and also to figure out their possible lineage.

I got this for my 10 year-old step-daughter and she LOVES it. Read cover to cover.

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