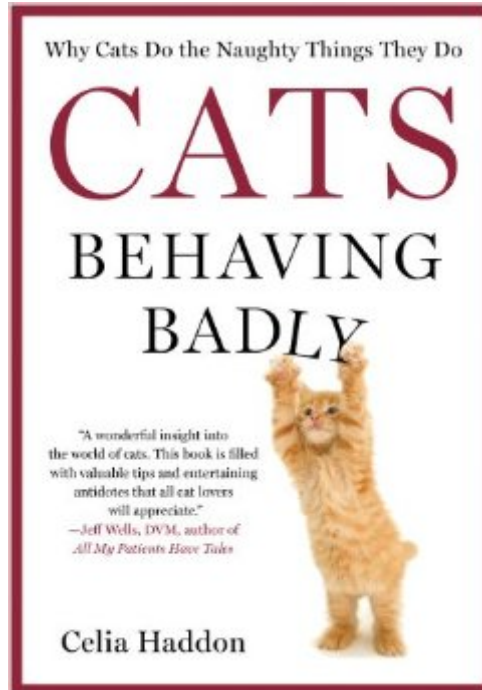


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Cats Behaving Badly: Why Cats Do The Naughty Things They Do



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Cats that bite, cats that won't eat, cats that won't stop eating. Cat expert Celia Haddon has seen it all, and, in *Cats Behaving Badly*, an essential guide to cat behavior, she teaches readers how to turn even the grumpiest cat into a perfectly lovable animal. One of today's foremost feline experts, Haddon provides practical solutions to a myriad of perplexing situations that only cats can dream up in this valuable manual. Why does a cat suddenly stop using the litter box? Can an aloof kitty turn into an affectionate, cuddly cat? Is expensive cat food really worth it? The author unravels the mysteries of cat behavior and dispenses easy, affordable, and animal-friendly solutions to help both cats and their owners live happier lives. From kittens to senior cats, Haddon explains feline behavior that has puzzled cat owners for decades in this manual, including true-life and humorous cat tales that help illustrate her advice. This charming and informative handbook is essential reading for anyone who has ever asked, "Why in the world does my cat do that?"

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There is some good information in this book, so it might be useful for total novice cat owners, but on the whole I'm disappointed. I didn't learn anything new from this book, and I think that it perpetuates some myths that really need to be put to rest. Some aspects of this are related to the author being a British veterinarian. Others I can't account for. I would recommend *How To Get Your Cat To Do What You Want* by Warren Epstein instead of this book, for both American *and* British cat owners, and for novice as well as experienced cat owners. HTGYCTDWYW -- besides the title being a tongue in cheek acknowledgement that more often it is the other way around -- is more comprehensive, detailed, and consistent than *Cats Behaving Badly*. HTGYCTDWYW also bears

repeat reading and can serve as a reference. Though it is a bit dated now (copyright 1996), the information is presented in a less biased, more objective way, yet with great sympathy both for cats with problem behaviors and their frustrated owners. It's more practical and realistic than *Cats Behaving Badly*, in my opinion. I'm not opposed to books based on anecdotal experience of long time vets; the exact opposite, actually. I take my cats (and dog) to such a vet. He is far less interventionist than vets who graduated from veterinary school more recently (and far less subject to influence). And he's far less likely to upsell me on unnecessary, often invasive tests, treatments, vaccines, or prescription-only foods which will not improve upon the less invasive, necessary tests/treatments -- but which would make him a lot of money if he strongly encouraged them. So I do appreciate the knowledge, insights and wisdom of long experience as a veterinarian.

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