

# THE **Oomph!** DIGEST

## An Oomph! Digest Special: Cats



We think cats are the purrrrfect pets! But, did you know...

- Cats can live up to 16 years, but sometimes longer!
- Female cats are pregnant for 58-67 days.
- Cats sleep for 12-16 hours every day!
- Adult cats weigh between 3.6 - 4.5kg.
- The scientific names for cats is Felis Catus.
- Cats can rotate their ears 180°.
- In terms of development, the first year of a cat's life is equal to the first 15 years of a human life.

## Record Breaking Cats

The oldest cat to have ever lived was 38 years and 3 days old when he passed away. Creme Puff, born on 3rd August 1967, lived until 6th August 2005! The record for the loudest purr by a domestic cat is currently held by Merlin, a black and white cat. His purr is 67.8db(A) - this is nearly the same volume as a shower!

## Name the Breed

House cats share 95.6% of their genetic makeup with tigers. You wouldn't necessarily know that by looking at some of them! How much do you know about different breeds of the Tiger relative? Name the breeds of cat below...



## Catty Behaviour



Cats have a unique “vocabulary” that they share with their owner — each with it’s own vocalizations, purrs and behaviours. It’s thought that cats are not naturally vocal but have to be this way to get humans to understand them. This is because humans don’t seem to be able to pick up their very subtle body language cues!

For example, cats find it threatening when you make direct eye contact with them, but a cat doing a slow blink is a “kitty kiss.” This movement shows contentment and trust. Or, a cat with a question-mark-shaped tail is asking, “Want to play?”.

### Did you know...

All cats, from tigers to house cats, have evolved as predatory hunting mammals with particularly keen senses of hearing, sight and smell. Anatomical characteristics such as the rounded head and skeletal structure suggest that all the 37 recognised species within the family evolved from a common ancestor, probably living in Asia around 10-12 million years ago.



## A Cat Joke

**Q: What is a cat's favourite dessert?**

A: Chocolate mouse!

## Word Scramble Puzzle

Can you unscramble this selection of scrambled words related to: **CATS**

1. AITL
2. SPET
3. PSWA
4. IEFLNE
5. KINTSTE
6. LASWC
7. YBAPT
8. MCIE
9. TOIOSERT SHLLE
10. PESAIRN

**Quiz Answers:**  
1. a) 2. b) 3. a) 4. b) 5. c)

**Word Scramble Answers:**  
1. TAIL, 2. PETS, 3. PAWS, 4. FELINE, 5. KITTENS, 6. CLAWS, 7. TABBY, 8. MICE, 9. TORTOISE SHELL, 10. PERSIAN

**Cat Breed Answers:**  
1. Toyger, 2. Persian, 3. American Curl, 4. American Wirehair

## Digest Quiz

1. **When did the first domestic cats appear?**
  - a) 7000 years ago
  - b) 500,000 years ago
  - c) 1,000,000 years ago
2. **When does a cat purr?**
  - a) When it feels content
  - b) When it feels scared
  - c) Both of these
3. **What is a group of kittens called?**
  - a) A kindle
  - b) A pack
  - c) A pride
4. **What is the scientific name for cats?**
  - a) Feline Hairus
  - b) Felis Catus
  - c) Catus Maximus
5. **How many degrees can a cat rotate its' ears?**
  - a) 360 degrees
  - b) 90 degrees
  - c) 180 degrees