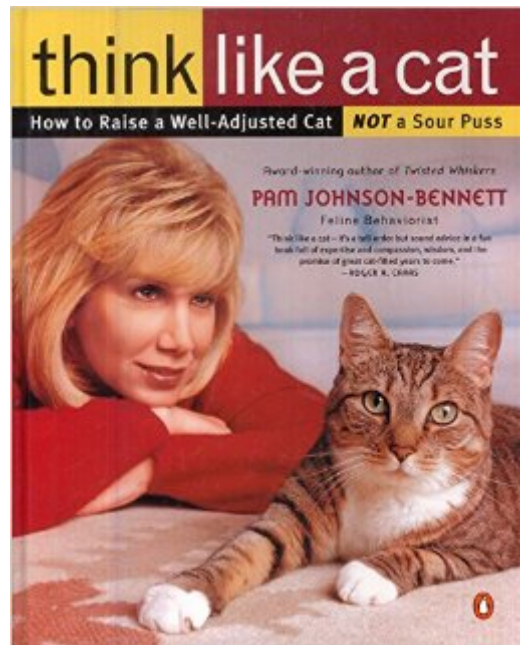


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Think Like A Cat



Synopsis

Whether you're a veteran cat lover, a brand-new owner of a sweet little kitten, or the frustrated companion of a feline whose behavior is driving you crazy, nationally acclaimed feline behaviorist Pam Johnson-Bennett helps you understand what makes your cat tick--as well as meow, scratch, and purr. Yes, you can learn to understand your cat. No, cats are not always aloof. No, they do not ruin furniture out of spite and intentionally do things to annoy you. Most often, these and many other feline fallacies are the result of a communication breakdown...between you and your cat. In this comprehensive book, Johnson-Bennett helps you understand the instincts that often determine feline behaviors, both positive and negative. Using behavior modification and play therapy techniques, Johnson-Bennett teaches proven methods that allow you to address the destructive behaviors in ways acceptable to both you and your cat--and help you build a great relationship in the process. More than just a behavior book, **THINK LIKE A CAT** is also an authoritative resource for cat owners of all stripes. Topics range from where to get a cat to selecting a vet; from basic health care to treating more serious medical problems; from choosing a scratching post your cat can't resist to secrets for avoiding litter box problems.

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Customer Reviews

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!

There is so much misinformation about cats that it's a welcome treat to have a book that gives us insight into things that are important to them. Cats love security. They love a familiar setting. They like a routine, but they can become bored if we don't play with them regularly. The author has fine suggestions on effective play. She also has excellent thoughts on how cats try to communicate with us. It took me a long time to figure out what my cat was trying to tell me, but you can get it nicely from this book. The volume has useful information on cat health, but its great value is in helping you think like a cat. Every cat owner would be wise to have a copy.

I checked out this book at the library, and I am now buying it. Don't think that this is a book for someone who JUST bought a cat! I have owned a cat for 5 years and I still found all the information in this book helpful. Pam explains everything in clear, concise words, so you don't get caught of in the middle of the book thinking "What the heck is a cytoplasmic inherited gene?" I strongly urge you to buy this book whether you are about to buy your first kitten or if you have been a cat owner for 20 years.

I have owned cats for over 30 years, and I have bought many books on feline behavior, but this is by far the best resource I have ever found on the subject. I thought I knew everything about cats, but Pam taught me many things I did not know before. This book has become my "Cat Encyclopedia", if not my "Kitty Bible," with valuable information on everything from how to introduce a new cat into my household, to helping to save one of cats from death by curing her horrible problem of inappropriately urinating on my dining room carpet. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is a first-time cat owner, to anyone considering getting a cat, and even to veteran cat Moms like me.

You could call this book a behavioral first-aid kit. "Think Like A Cat" will save my cat's life. I was contemplating putting her to sleep. When I called my vet, he was the one who suggested this book.

After reading it, I realized the things I'd been doing wrong. My cat is much happier now and so am I. There's so much valuable information in this book about every behavioral problem in cats.

This is a very useful book, especially if like me, you end up adopting two adult cats from a shelter, both traumatized and unsocialised (and one of them a Maine Coon !). This book has provided me with a lot of insight in their behaviour, tips on how to ease their fears, socialise them and make them, less than two months later, the two happy, sure. sleek cats that are purring now on my couch, near my dog, that, thanks to another helpful section of the book, survived quite unscathed this process. This book made me also avoid costly mistakes with litters, foods etc. (while I disagree with the author on the enclosed litter trays, as my cats like them and they do limit sand spills) and how to make my existing furniture cat friendly, with some unexpensive and easy additions and modifications. So, really well worth reading, well written and quite pleasing to read.

I was amazed at how insightful this book was. I discovered so many things that I'd been doing wrong. Since applying Pam's methods, my cats have become better behaved and appear much happier. The book is written with humor and sensitivity yet packs a gutsy punch with respect to the dos and don'ts of training cats. Now whenever I look into the eyes of my four cats, I feel as if I know what they're thinking. I plan on giving this book to all the cat owners I know.

I am a new cat owner and needed a good book on cat care and training. This book is the best I have read so far. It is very comprehensive and is very easy to understand. Everything is spelled out in clear and concise terms for us new cat owners. Even people who have had cats for years will benefit from the material in this book. I would recommend this book for anyone with a cat or contemplating getting one.

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