

# THE CAT

**Scientific name:** *Felis catus*

**Size:** The average house cat is eight to eleven pounds, but you can have a petite six-pound calico or a big 15-pound Maine Coon cat.

**Lifespan:** Indoor cats regularly live to be 15, and some kitties live even longer.

**Colors/varieties:** There are many different breeds of cats--from the hairless Sphynx and the fluffy, puffy Persian to the silvery spotted Egyptian mau. But the most popular kitties of all are non-pedigree--that includes brown tabbies, black-and-orange tortoiseshells, all-black cats with long hair, striped kitties with white socks and everything in between!

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