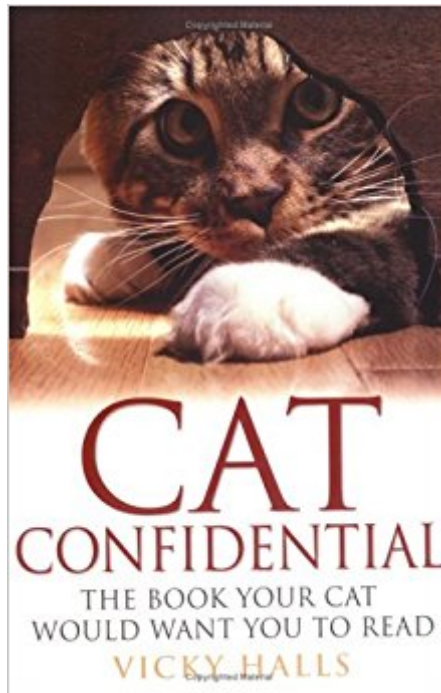




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Cat Confidential: The Book Your Cat Would Want You To Read



Synopsis

For the owners of America's 70 million domesticated kitties: the definitive book on feline psychology. Renowned cat counselor Vicky Halls has dedicated her career to helping hundreds of cat owners to better understand their pets. Why do some cats soil in the house, behave aggressively, or pull out their own fur? In this, her first book, Halls answers these questions and covers a broad range of other issues, including:

- o The pitfalls of a multi-cat household and how to avoid them
- o How to live with a "Scaredy Cat"
- o The destructive results of "idle paws" and how to put an end to feline vandalism
- o Bizarre and embarrassing habits and what they mean
- o How to tell if your cat's problems mirror your own

Filled with fascinating case studies (both professional and personal), amusing anecdotes, and practical advice, *Cat Confidential* explores the hidden relationships between cats and people and reveals the innermost secrets of the feline psyche. Practical and illuminating, this is a must-read for any cat lover who ever wished Kitty could speak.

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Customer Reviews

[Vicky Halls is] the Mary Poppins of the feline world. -- Mail on Sunday, UK

Vicky Halls is a leading cat behavior specialist who lives in Kent, England.

Excellent!

So much good information.

I'm halfway through the book and I don't even know if I can finish it!! I'm shocked and disappointed how uninformed and easily this so called behaviorist gives up on some situations. An indoor life for a cat is not bad if done correctly. If owners provide enough mental and physical stimulation as well as a correct environment and health care, they can be plenty happy and healthy. Plenty of litter boxes spread out, variety of toys (Interactive and independent), objects for cats to run around on (Cat trees, shelves, etc.), other pets (Play with other cats or dogs. Can watch hamsters, fish, etc), window watching, cat TV, food puzzles, teach tricks, cat stroller, leashed outside time, ENCLOSED outdoor enclosures and I can literally go on and on. I do not doubt that my two cats love life. Working at a veterinary clinic, I can't tell you how many outdoor or indoor/outdoor cats come in sick or hurt (Sometimes lifelong illnesses like FIV and FELV), hit and sometimes killed by cars, dogs or coyotes. Poisoned from getting into something. If not protected, can contract: fleas, parasites, heartworm disease, ringworm etc. Some cats NEVER come back and owners don't know what happened. If you want to read an informative book, check out The Cat Whisperer by Mieshelle Nagelschneider.

If you have cats, you MUST read this book. Author is insightful and practical and her writing style is engaging and pleasant. I have recommended this book to many of my catty friends and fellow rescue volunteers

IMHO, this is the best book on cat behavior, predating even the awesome Jackson Galaxy.

great

I actually DIDN'T buy the book because of the negative reviews posted, however a veterinarian colleague, who knew I am writing a series of books on environmental enrichment for all household pets loaned me the book as she thought I might be interested and could use it for reference. I was pleasantly surprised and really did enjoy it, just love the humorous style of the author and her anecdotes. Ok, for those that are looking for solutions, you might not be able to find what you are looking for, some will, some won't; but I think the message is to read between the lines and realise that sometimes it takes a completely unrelated person who is not emotionally attached in anyway, to see the real problem. Cats after all are complicated creatures, and a number of Vicky Halls anecdotes point in a direction that what the owners see and interpret is generally incorrect -

accredited professional help should be sought. This book reminds me a little of James Herriot (my inspiration for joining the veterinary community) and John Fisher's "Diary Of A Dotty Dog Doctor" - yes they are humorous anecdotal style books, not strictly non-fiction but I do feel one can learn from them as I feel one can learn from this title. I am happy I have read it and I do recommend it - it really is a book your cat would want you to read - with an open mind.

It seems cats in England live longer (often 20 years or more), not clear why, may be the weather but most likely because their owners understand them better. There is plenty of advice, some of it quite reasonable grounded on understanding of feline psychology. If your cat creates problems for you you will find some useful hints and observations and realize that most of the time you are at fault. Enjoy!

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