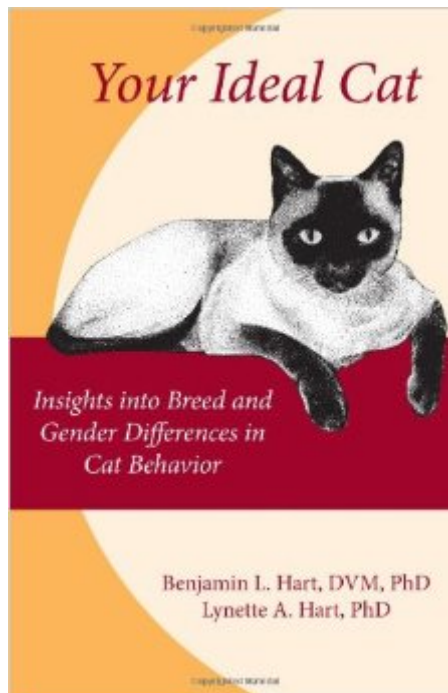


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# Your Ideal Cat: Insights Into Breed And Gender Differences In Cat Behavior (New Directions In The Human-Animal Bond)



## Synopsis

For a happy relationship with your cat, go beyond the looks and make your pick based on demonstrated breed behavior. This is the advice of the Harts, two experts in animal communication and behavior, whose new book takes the process of selecting a cat to the next level by offering data-based behavioral profiles of a wide range of cat breeds. Developed over a lifetime of research and through extensive interviews with eighty veterinary experts, the profiles are presented in easy-to-use graphical form. A history of the development of different breeds is presented, and then breed-specific differences across a range of variables are discussed. These include twelve behavioral traits, in areas such as affection, sociality, activity level, and litter box use. After giving guidance about choosing a cat, the authors present some strategies for avoiding problem behaviors and resolving those that emerge. They also share fascinating theories about the origins of various common cat behaviors, including purring, yawning, eating grass, flipping out on catnip, and staking out territory. While the focus is on purebred cats, there is also lots of good information for owners of blends. The book ends with helpful guidance on further reading. Based on the latest science, this is a great book for anyone interested in the fundamental building blocks of feline behavior, and an invaluable handbook for cat owners.

## Book Information

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Unlike the majority of cat books I have recently read, this one actually details positive and negative characteristics of various cat breeds. So many books rave about the positives of certain breeds but

there is nary a mention of any negative characteristics. After reading this book I felt confident in choosing a Cornish Rex kitten for my pet.

Short and sweet, this little gem sheds insight into the mysteries of cats. Mostly about purebreds and their traits, it still makes a useful tool for the rescue group shopper just looking to pick out a new four-legged family member. The book has been added to my reference shelf.

A thorough, yet entertaining, short book on average behaviors of the most common cat breeds, including those interested in the domestic short and long hair cats I would recommend it highly to those who interested in looking for a cat that would suit their family situation and personalities.

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