

Cat Round Robin Questions

General Information:

1. What do you call an intact male cat? An intact female? A baby?
(A Tom, a Queen, a kitten)
2. What ages mark kitten, adult cat and senior?
(Kittens: up to 8 months; Adults: over 8 months, under 10 years; Senior: over 10 years)
3. What does CFA stand for?
(Cat Fancier's Association)
4. Where were cats first domesticated?
(Egypt)

Anatomy, Care, Health:

5. What is polydactylism?
(Having more than the usual number of toes)
6. How many toes and claws does a cat have, front and rear?
(5 toes in front, 4 toes in back)
7. Why do cats scratch things like furniture or trees?
(To sharpen their claws, to mark territory or to exercise)
8. How many bones does a cat have?
(230)
9. What is another name for whiskers?
(Vibrissae)
10. How long is a cat's gestation?
(61 to 63 days)
11. How old are kittens when they are weaned?
(They start weaning at 4-5 weeks and should be fully weaned by 8 weeks)
12. How many teeth does a cat have?
(30 teeth)
13. Are cats herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores? What does this mean?
(Carnivores – they are primarily meat-eaters)

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Breeds, Colors:

14. What is a purebred cat?
(An animal whose ancestors are all from the same recognized breed)
15. How many breeds does the Cat Fancier's Association currently recognize?
(41 according to the 4-H material, 42 according to the CFA website; accept either answer)
16. What are the two types of coats? What do you need to groom each?
(Longhaired and shorthaired) For a longhaired you need a bristle brush and a metal comb for mats. For a shorthaired you need a soft brush and a cloth. For both you need nail clippers)
17. Name two breeds each of long-haired and short-haired cat.
 - Long Haired: Balinese, Himalayan, Maine Coon Cat, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll
 - Short Haired: Abyssinian, American Shorthair, American Wirehair, Burmese, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Havana Brown, Korat, Manx, Ocicat, Russian Blue Siamese, Tonkinese, Turkish Angora (or Angora)
 - Note: These lists answers reflect fairly common breeds of cat, but do not include all breeds recognized by CFA
18. Name one breed of cat with either no tail or a very short tail.
Manx, American Bobtail, Japanese Bobtail
19. Name one cat coat color or pattern
 - Colors: black, blue, gray, chocolate, brown, sable, fawn, cream, white, red, orange, beige, lilac, tan
 - Patterns: solid, tabby, tipped, bi-color, tuxedo, calico, tortoiseshell, parti-color, pointed

Diseases and Safety:

20. What are standard cat vaccines?
(Distemper-Rhino (FVCRP), Rabies, Feline Leukemia)
21. Name one external and one internal parasite of cats.
External: Ear mites, Ticks, Fleas, Cat lice
Internal: Tapeworm, Heartworm, Ringworm, Coccidiosis, Toxoplasmosis
22. What causes hairballs? Is this a serious health problem? How are they prevented?
Cats swallow loose hair when they groom themselves. Sometimes the hair lodges in the stomach and forms hairballs. Usually these pass or are vomited, but they can partially block the digestive tract. Surgery is rarely necessary. Prevention can include regular brushing and adding a bit of food oil to the cat's diet.