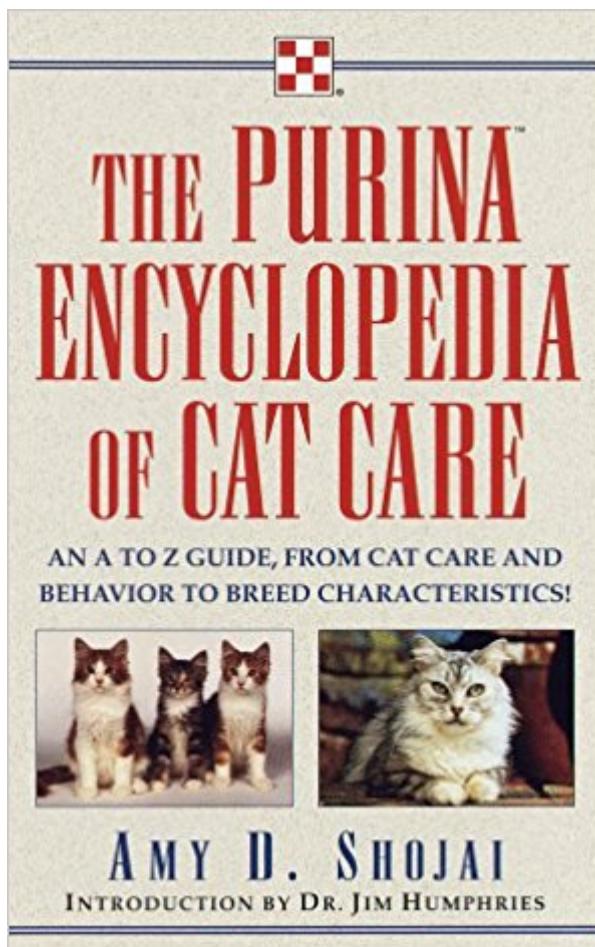


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# Purina Encyclopedia Of Cat Care



## Synopsis

NOTE: THIS BOOK PUBLISHED IN 1998, is out of print, and being sold as a used copy. For the latest most accurate cat care information, refer to more recent titles by author Amy Shojai. See CAT FACTS: The Pet Parent's A-to-Z Home Care EncyclopediaNearly four million households in America keep at least one cat. Now, from the name you've trusted for at least nine lives comes the definitive reference for finding, keeping, and maintaining a healthy, happy pet. The Purina (TM) Encyclopedia of Cat Care is designed to answer all your questions. How do I choose the right cat? What preventive care should I give? Why do cats act the way they do, and what behaviors indicate illness? And perhaps most important, what should I do in an emergency situation? Inside you'll find:An alphabetical, A to Z listing, with 200 entries covering everything from abscesses and hairballs to whiskers and zoonosisBoxed charts that list symptoms for a particular condition, the corresponding home care, the comparative vet treatments, and preventative adviceA beautiful color "photo album" of forty-one feline breeds with detailed descriptions of eachA symptoms/conditions table that helps you identify what ailment might be bothering your catA comprehensive, easy-to-use index makes quick reference a snapNames, addresses, and telephone numbers of national cat organizations, including animal welfare and information services, veterinary resources, and feline research foundationsAnd much more!

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Usually they just sleep, eat, and chase crumpled wads of paper around like they're possessed, but when your kitty starts vomiting or biting her skin till she bleeds, it's helpful to get some answers.

Amy Shojai, a veterinary technician for 20 years, has compiled an encyclopedia that provides A-to-Z guidance to cat care and cat behavior. From Abscess to Zoonosis, Shojai discusses diseases and abnormal conditions as well as perfectly healthy behaviors like play-fighting, kneading, and the Flehman reaction. Shojai explains cat-grooming needs, provides information on the neutering process, describes why cats navigate so well, and explores the situations likely to cause your cat stress, the symptoms associated with stress, and how best to address said stress, once you've identified it. There's also a useful appendix introducing cat breeds and associations, and another appendix of symptoms with their associated diseases and conditions, so you can read up on the physical and character traits of the Abyssinian, Bengal, and Maine Coon, or determine that coughing could be a sign of heartworms, lungworms, or pneumonia. With extra pages listing animal welfare foundations, pet services, and veterinary resources, plus 41 color photographs illustrating popular cat breeds, Shojai's encyclopedia is accurate, easy to use, and a great resource on all things feline. --Stephanie Gold

Former veterinary technician Shojai, currently a contributing editor at Cats magazine and author of its monthly "Health Handbook" column, has written a thorough encyclopedia of cat care, behavior, and health. Arranged alphabetically and written for the lay reader, the clear, concise, browsable entries range in length from a paragraph to several pages. Entries on diseases also include a box highlighting symptoms, home care, vet care, and prevention. Capitalized words in an article indicate that there are also entries under those words, and numerous See references direct readers to selected terms or other articles of interest. While providing home-care techniques, Shojai stresses the importance of consulting a veterinarian and clearly marks medical emergency situations. She also gives information about what to do if you can't get to a vet immediately. Appendixes list cat associations, cat breeds with descriptions and photos (not seen), a section of symptoms and associated diseases, animal welfare and information sources, pet services, veterinary resources, and feline research foundations. Recommended for reference and/or circulating collections in public libraries along with the excellent, recently updated The Cornell Book of Cats (Villard, 1997. 2d ed.), a more comprehensive but slightly more technical treatment. (Index not seen.)?Sue O'Brien, Downers Grove P.L., Ill.Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Cat Lovers Need to have this book on hand, it answered so many questions.

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We have several little cat friends around the home and this is a great "general reference" on cat care. It is easy to read and well indexed with loads of information on what to do to keep your cat happy and healthy. For "cat first aid and emergency care", however, I would recommend an additional book sold on , "Help! The Quick Guide to First Aid for Your Cat." By Michelle Bamberger (DVM). She really outlines, with excellent drawings, what to do in a life or death emergency situation with your cat. With both of these books, from , you'll have an excellent library on cat health and emergency care.

I want to go to University and become a vet, but until then I am using this excellent book as a guide! So far it's helped me to save my kitten from LUTD (Lower Urinary Tract Disease) which can be fatal if not caught. The pictures and symptom charts are absolutely phenomenal, I don't know what I would do without this book. I've learned so much, I consider this book my cat Bible! If you have a cat or are interested in animal care, you must have this book.

Responsible cat owners know that understanding and caring are essential to owning a healthy, happy animal. The Purina Encyclopedia of Cat Care is a reference book featuring information about behavior, care, breed characteristics and health concerns. The book features an A to Z format making information easily accessible with a detailed index.---Kathryn Gallagher, Cat Fancy Magazine, June 1999 reviews

The Purina Encyclopedia of Cat Care won the 1998 Muse Medallion from the Cat Writers Association for being "Best Care & Health Cat Book of the Year."

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