

QUESTIONS FOR AGES 9 - 11

A) ANATOMY

1. How many teeth do cats have?
2. Name the following body parts on your cat (Judge points to 3 body parts).
3. How many toes do cats have?

B) HEALTH

1. Name 2 diseases that cats are vaccinated against.
2. About what age should a cat be neutered or spayed?
3. Name 1 external parasite of a cat.
4. Name 1 internal parasite of a cat.
5. What is the gestation period for a cat?
6. What is a cat's normal temperature?

C) NUTRITION

1. What type of food should you feed your cat?
2. What shouldn't you feed your cat?
3. When should kittens be weaned?

D) CAT CARE

1. Can you trim a cat's nails? How often?
2. Name one grooming tool.
3. Demonstrate the proper way to pick up your cat.

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Is your cat a male or a female? Has it been neutered or has it been spayed?
2. Name 1 short-haired breed and 1 longhaired breed of cat.
3. Name a breed of cats with a short tail.
4. What kind of hair length is your cat? What color is your cat?

A) ANATOMY

1. How many teeth do cats have?
Cats - 30 Kittens - 26
2. Name the following body parts on your cat (Judge points to 3 body parts).
Forehead, occiput, cheek, throat, neck, chest, shoulder, upper arm, lower arm, elbow, rib cage, sides, belly, back, rump, hip, upper thigh, knee joint, lower thigh, hock, base of tail, toes, pads, whiskers, nape of neck.
3. How many toes do cats have?
18 total

B) HEALTH

1. Name 2 diseases that cats are vaccinated against.
Feline distemper, Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Rabies, Feline leukemia, Feline infectious-peritonitis.
2. About what age should a cat be neutered or spayed?
Between 4 and 6 months.
3. Name 1 external parasite of a cat.
Fleas, lice, mites, ear mites, ticks,
4. Name 1 internal parasite of a cat.
Roundworms, tapeworms, hookworms,
5. What is the gestation period for a cat?
60 - 65 days
6. What is a cat's normal temperature?
101- 102 degrees F.

C) NUTRITION

1. What type of food should you feed your cat?
A high quality cat food appropriate for your cat's age and weight.
2. What shouldn't you feed your cat?
Raw fish, raw eggs, raw meat, bones, large quantities of liver, dairy products, or main diet of dog food.
3. When should kittens be weaned?
Approximately 6- 8 weeks of age

D) CAT CARE

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1. Can you trim a cat's nails? How often?

Yes, usually once a month for indoor cats, and BEFORE a cat show

2. Name one grooming tool.

Brush, comb, shampoo, flea powder, flea bath, nail trimmers, grooming glove.

3. Demonstrate the proper way to pick up your cat.

Slip one hand under cat's chest and hold its front legs gently, but firmly, with your fingers. At same time, cup your other hand under the cat's hindquarters. Do not lift a cat by the scruff of the neck.

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Is your cat a male or a female? Has it been neutered or has it been spayed?

(Individual answer)

2. Name 1 shorthaired breed and 1 longhaired breed of cat.

Shorthair: Abyssinian, American Shorthair (Domestic Shorthair), Burmese, Colorpoint-Shorthair, Exotic Shorthair, Havana Brown, Japanese Bobtail, Korat, Manx, Rex, Russian Blue, and Siamese.

Longhair: Persian, Balinese, Sacred Cat of Burma (Birman), Himalayan, Maine Coon, and Turkish Angora.

3. Name a breed of cats with a short tail.

Manx, Japanese Bobtail, Cymric.

4. What kind of hair length is your cat? What color is your cat?

(Individual answer)

QUESTIONS FOR AGES 12 - 14

A) ANATOMY

1. How many teeth do cats have? Kittens?
2. Name the following body parts on your cat. (Judge points to 4 body parts)
3. Name the 3 face shapes of cats.
4. What is the shape of a cat's uterus?
5. How many toes do cats have - front? -and back?

B) HEALTH

1. Name 2 diseases that cats are vaccinated against and give at least two symptoms for each disease.
2. Name 2 external parasites of a cat.
3. Name 2 internal parasites of a cat.
4. What is removed from a cat when it is neutered?
5. What is removed from a cat when it is spayed?
6. Can you give a cat Tylenol? Why or why not?
7. How do cats get tapeworms?
8. How do cats get roundworms?

C) NUTRITION

1. What types of food should you/should you not feed your cat?
2. What are the four major divisions of commercial cat food?

D) CAT CARE

1. How often should indoor cats have their nails trimmed? And if they start bleeding, what has happened?
2. Name 2 grooming tools.
3. Can you use dog shampoo and dog flea powder on cats? Why/why not?

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Name 2 color patterns of cats.
2. Name a hairless breed of cats.
3. Name 2 short-haired breeds and 2 longhaired breeds of cats.
4. Name a wild cat member of the cat family
5. There are approximately how many breeds of cats?

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TIE BREAKER QUESTIONS: upper mandible, lower mandible, scapula, humerus, radius, ulna, sternum, fibula, tibia, femur, hip joint, pelvis, tail vertebrae (coccygial).

3. Name the 3 face shapes of cats.

Round, (Persian), Intermediate (Maine Coon), Wedge (Siamese)

4. What is the shape of a cat's uterus?

Y shaped. Two horns with a common body.

5. How many toes do cats have - front? -and back?

5 in front, 4 in back. A total of 18 toes.

B) HEALTH

1. Name 2 diseases that cats are vaccinated against and give at least two symptoms for each disease.

Rabies - in general, it affects the central nervous system including any of these: personality change, biting, depression, anorexia.

Feline Distemper- fever of 104 F to 105 F, severe depression, weight loss, dehydration, loss of appetite, and intense desire for water, vomiting and diarrhea.

Feline Leukemia- Chronic infection, anemia, depression, anorexia, fever, weight loss.

Rhinotracheitis & Calici: sneezing, depression, loss of appetite, discharge from the eyes and nose, fever, and ulcers in mouth.

Feline Infectious Peritonitis(FIP): bloated abdomen, respiratory difficulties, vomiting or diarrhea, weight loss, anoxeria, fever, anemia.

2. Name 2 external parasites of a cat.

Fleas, lice, mites, ear mites, ticks,

3. Name 2 internal parasites of a cat.

roundworms, tapeworms, hookworms

4. What is removed from a cat when it is neutered?

Testicles,

5. What is removed from a cat when it is spayed?

Uterus and ovaries

6. Can you give a cat Tylenol? Why or why not?

No, it causes anemia.

7. How do cats get tapeworms?

Eating fleas and/or eating the intestinal tract of a rodent or rabbit.

8. How do cats get roundworms?

-from their mother at birth, -from nursing. -from rodents or rabbits.

C) NUTRITION

1. What types of food should you/should you not feed your cat?

A high protein, high fat diet. For example: a high quality commercial cat food.

Should not feed: raw eggs, raw fish, raw meat, large quantities of liver, dairy products, or dog food as a main diet.

2. What are the four major divisions of commercial cat food?

Dry, Semi-moist, Canned Specialty, and Canned Maintenance.

D) CAT CARE

1. How often should indoor cats have their nails trimmed? And if they start bleeding, what has happened?

-Approximately once a month and always BEFORE a cat show.

-You have cut into the "quick" (blood vein) of the nail.

2. Name 2 grooming tools.

Brush, comb, flea powder, shampoo, bath, nail trimmers, grooming glove.

3. Can you use dog shampoo & flea powder on cats? Why?

Unless labeled for cats - you can not, it is too toxic, too concentrated .

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Name 2 color patterns of cats.

Calico, Tortoise Shell, Pointed, Tabby,

2. Name a hairless breed of cats.

Sphynx

3. Name 2 short-haired breeds and 2 longhaired breeds of cats.

Shorthair: Abyssinian, American Shorthair (Domestic Shorthair), Burmese, Colorpoint-Shorthair, Exotic Shorthair, Havana Brown, Japanese Bobtail, Lorat, Manx, Rex, Russian Blue, and Siamese.

Longhair: Persian, Balinese, Sacred Cat of Burma (Birman), Himalayan, Maine Coon, and Turkish Angora.

4. Name a wild cat member of the cat family

tiger, lion, bobcat, mountain lion, ocelot, leopard,

5. There are approximately how many breeds of cats?

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QUESTIONS FOR AGES 15 and up

A) ANATOMY

1. Name the 3 face shapes of cats and describe them.
2. Name the following body parts on your cat (Judge picks out 5)

B) HEALTH

1. Name 3 diseases that cats are vaccinated against and give at least two symptoms for each.
2. At what age is a cat usually spayed and what organs are removed?
3. At what age is a cat neutered and what organs are removed?
4. Can you give a cat acetaminophen? Why/why not?
5. Name 3 external parasites of cats and 3 internal parasites of cats.
6. How do cats get tapeworms?
7. How do cats get roundworms?
8. What is FIP? What are the symptoms?
9. Can cats get heartworm disease?
10. What is FIV? How is it detected?
11. Name 4 symptoms of a sick kitten or cat.

C) NUTRITION

1. What types of food should you/should you not feed your cat?
2. How does a wild cat achieve nutritional balance?
3. What are the 4 major divisions of commercial cat food?

D) CAT CARE

1. Name 3 grooming tools.
2. Describe how you would prepare your cat for a show.

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Name 3 breeds of long-haired and 3 breeds of short-haired cats.
2. Name the 3 types of hair that cats have.
3. Name a hairless breed of cat and a short-tailed breed of cat.
4. What is different about the fur type on a Devon Rex?
5. Name 4 solid colors of cats.
6. Name 4 color patterns.
7. What colors of cats are almost always female?

A) ANATOMY

1. Name the 3 face shapes of cats and describe them.

Round (Persian), Intermediate (Maine Coon), Wedge (Siamese)

2. Name the following body parts on your cat (Judge points to 5 body parts).

Skull, upper mandible, lower mandible, scapula, humerus, radius, ulna, elbow, sternum, rib cage, fibula, tibia, femur, hip joint, pelvis, tail vertebra (coccygial), sacral vertebrae, lumbar vertebrae, thoracic vertebrae, cervical vertebrae

TIE BREAKER QUESTIONS: carpal bones, metacarpals, phalanges, phalanges, metatarsals, tarsal bones, patella (knee cap).

B) HEALTH

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Feline Infectious Peritonitis(FIP): bloated abdomen, respiratory difficulties, vomiting or diarrhea, weight loss, anorexia, fever, anemia.

2. At what age is a cat usually spayed and what organs are removed?

Approximately 4 - 8 months. Uterus and ovaries.

3. At what age is a cat neutered and what organs are removed?

Approximately 4 - 8 months. Testicles.

4. Can you give a cat acetaminophen? Why/why not?

No, it causes anemia.

5. Name 3 external and 3 internal parasites of cats.

External: fleas, lice, mites, ear mites, ticks.

Internal: roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms.

6. How do cats get tapeworms?

By eating fleas, and/or by eating the intestinal tract of a rodent or rabbit.

7. How do cats get roundworms?

-From their mother at birth, -From nursing, -From rodents or rabbits.

8. What is FIP? What are the symptoms?

Feline Infectious Peritonitis. Symptoms are: bloated abdomen, respiratory difficulties, vomiting or diarrhea, weight loss, anorexia, fever, anemia.

9. Can cats get heartworm disease?

Yes, but it is not treated. A cat is a dead end host. Heartworms cannot reproduce in a cat.

10. What is FIV? How is it detected?

It is Feline Immune Deficiency Virus. Detected by a blood test.

11. Name 4 symptoms of a sick kitten or cat.

- Extreme or prolonged lethargy.
- A dull, patchy coat that sheds heavily
- Loss of appetite for several days in a row
- Severe, prolonged diarrhea
- Red, watery eyes
- Nasal discharge
- Acute swelling or small lumps that increase in size on the cat's body
- Repeated vomiting
- Repeated, persistent coughing & sneezing

C) NUTRITION

1. What types of food should you/should you not feed your cat?

A high-protein, high-fat diet. For example: a high quality commercial cat food.

Should not feed: raw eggs, raw fish, raw meat, large quantities of liver, dairy products, dog food as a main diet.

2. How does a wild cat achieve nutritional balance?

They usually devour the entire carcass of their prey, including skin, internal organs, & whatever greens the prey may have eaten.

3. What are the 4 major divisions of commercial cat food?

Dry, Semi-Moist, Canned Specialty, and Canned Maintenance.

D) CAT CARE

1. Name 3 grooming tools.

Brush, comb, shampoo, flea powder, bath, nail trimmers, grooming glove

2. Describe how you would prepare your cat for a show.

I would: clean eyes and ears, trim nails, bathe the cat, treat it for fleas, brush and/or comb the cat according to its' fur type.

E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Name 3 breeds of long-haired and 3 breeds of short-haired cats.

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2. Name the 3 types of hair that cats have.

-Guard (long outside hairs), -Down (soft short hair that provides insulation),

-Awn (longer bristly hairs,)

3. Name a hairless breed of cat and a short-tailed breed of cat.

(Hairless) Sphynx (Short-tailed) Manx, Japanese Bobtail, Cymric

4. What is different about the fur type on a Devon Rex?

All the three hair types are present, but Guard and Awn are modified to resemble Down hairs.

5. Name 4 solid colors of cats.

creme, lavender, blue, white, red, black, chestnut (chocolate brown)

6. Name 4 color patterns of cats.

Calico, Tortoise Shell, Pointed, Tabby

7. What colors of cats are almost always female?

Calico and tortoise shell (color patterns)
