CAT TRIVIA GAMES

Cat Trivia Printable Pack

Five themed rounds of ten questions, one round per page. The answer key is at the end.

How to run it

1. Print one copy of each round for every team, and keep the answer key (the last page) for yourself.
2. Read each question out loud twice. Teams write their answers on the lines.
3. Give one point per correct answer and accept equivalent wording. Mark each round before starting the next one.
4. If teams are tied after five rounds, use the separate tiebreaker on the last page: the closest answer wins. If two answers are equally close, the teams share the win.

The rounds

1. Cat breeds
2. Behavior and body language
3. Body and senses
4. History and culture
5. The numbers round

Scoresheet

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total

Want the explanations?

Every answer in this pack comes with a short explanation and a link to its source at cattriviagames.com/facts/printable-cat-trivia. For 220 more questions, sorted from easy to legendary, visit cattriviagames.com/facts/cat-trivia-questions-and-answers.

ROUND 1 OF 5

Cat breeds

Team name _____

Ten questions about where breeds come from, what they look like and the odd nicknames fanciers give them.

1. Which trait gave the Ragdoll cat breed its name?

2. The Chartreux's robust body on short, fine-boned legs has earned it which humorous nickname?

3. Which two breeds were crossed to create the Tonkinese?

4. Which breed is essentially a long-haired version of the Siamese?

5. Which breed is the longhaired variety of the Abyssinian, sharing its ticked coat?

6. Which traditional Japanese figure is commonly modeled after the Japanese Bobtail?

7. What is the typical eye color of an Egyptian Mau?

8. By what affectionate nickname is the Norwegian Forest Cat commonly known among English-speaking fanciers?

9. Which term is most commonly used to describe the Devon Rex's distinctive appearance?

10. When viewed from the front, the Korat's head is most often described as which shape?

Round 1 score: _____ / 10

ROUND 2 OF 5

Behavior and body language

Team name _____

Body language, sounds and habits, the stuff you can check on your own cat tonight.

1. What is the loud, wailing vocalization called that cats make, especially during mating season?

2. What does the acronym FRAP stand for?

3. What nickname do owners commonly give to a cat's ears when they turn sideways like little wings?

4. What does cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy call the play technique where you alternate between calm stalking periods and vigorous activity bursts?

5. During a defensive bottlebrush display, a puffed-up tail is typically paired with which other posture?

6. Besides contentment, in which other common situation do cats frequently purr?

7. During which everyday activity do mother cats commonly purr alongside their kittens?

8. Which body part helps a cat pinpoint exactly where to deliver its bite once it has grabbed prey?

9. Catster lists three common reasons cats knock things off tables: practicing hunting skills, having fun, and what else?

10. Which sex of domestic cat typically defends its outdoor range more aggressively from same-sex rivals?

Round 2 score: _____ / 10

ROUND 3 OF 5

Body and senses

Team name _____

How a cat's body works, from its tongue to the physics of a falling cat.

1. The mackerel tabby pattern is named for its resemblance to what?

2. During the righting reflex, a falling cat twists to land feet first. Which physics principle is this usually explained with?

3. What is the biological term for a male domestic cat?

4. The Persian is a classic example of which cat skull shape?

5. Cats walk balanced up on their toes with their heels raised off the ground, a posture known as what?

6. Besides domestic cats, which other animal is also known to display the flehmen response?

7. Cougars, also called mountain lions, purr and belong to which genus, separate from the true roarers?

8. Siberian cats shed their thick triple coat heavily twice a year. What actually triggers this seasonal shed?

9. What material makes up the hard outer layer of a cat's claw?

10. Which part of a cat's body can sense temperature, pressure and even vibrations through the ground?

Round 3 score: _____ / 10

ROUND 4 OF 5

History and culture

Team name _____

Famous cats, famous owners, and a couple of very old customs.

1. What was the name of the tuxedo cat that lived in the White House during Bill Clinton's presidency?

2. According to Herodotus, what did an Egyptian household shave when its pet cat died of natural causes?

3. What was the name of the real pet cat that liked to perch on Edgar Allan Poe's shoulder while he wrote?

4. What was the name of Edward Lear's famous pet cat?

5. Who directed the 1989 Studio Ghibli film 'Kiki's Delivery Service,' which features the black cat Jiji?

6. What is the name of the spirit realm inhabited by the ancestors of the Warrior Cats?

7. A bronze statue honoring Towser, a cat famed for her mousing skill, stands outside which Scottish whisky distillery?

8. Old Norse wedding custom held that if a bride's wedding day had fine weather, people would say she had done what?

9. According to the Hemingway Home museum, some of its six-toed cats descend from a cat that a ship's captain gave Hemingway. What is that cat usually called?

10. Susan Ford's Siamese cat Shan was known for hiding under furniture in which White House room?

Round 4 score: _____ / 10

ROUND 5 OF 5

The numbers round

Team name _____

Every answer is a number. For answers given as "about" a number, the answer key explains what to accept.

1. According to a University of Missouri study, roughly how many calico cats are male?

2. A 2025 study of ancient cat DNA found that domestic cats were introduced to Europe roughly how long ago?

3. During the first two weeks of life, roughly what portion of the day do kittens spend eating or sleeping?

4. Roughly how much of a cat's waking hours can be spent on self-grooming?

5. In 1970, a Burmese/Siamese cat in Oxfordshire, England, gave birth to the largest litter of kittens on record. How many kittens were born?

6. In what year was 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' first published?

7. In what year was the book 'Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World' first published?

8. Royal Mail's celebrated headquarters cat, Tibs the Great, reportedly tipped the scales at about how much?

9. Roughly how many individual cats did Louis Wain pack into his illustration 'A Kitten's Christmas Party'?

10. By roughly what decade had English speakers started using the phrase 'tabby cat' for a cat with a striped coat?

Round 5 score: _____ / 10

FOR THE HOST

Answer key

Round 1: Cat breeds

1. Going limp when held.
2. A potato on toothpicks.
3. Siamese and Burmese.
4. Balinese.
5. Somali.
6. Maneki-neko (the beckoning cat).
7. Gooseberry green.
8. Wegie.
9. Elfin.
10. Heart-shaped.

Round 2: Behavior and body language

1. Caterwaul.
2. Frenetic Random Activity Periods.
3. Airplane ears.
4. Boil and Simmer.
5. An arched back.
6. During a stressful vet visit. Also accept: other stressful or painful times, such as illness or injury.
7. While nursing them.
8. Its facial whiskers.
9. Getting your attention.
10. Males.

Round 3: Body and senses

1. A fish skeleton.
2. Conservation of angular momentum.
3. Tom.
4. Brachycephalic.
5. Digitigrade.
6. Horses. Also accept: goats, sheep, lions or tigers (all show flehmen).
7. Puma.
8. Changes in day length.
9. Keratin.
10. Paw pads.

Round 4: History and culture

1. Socks.
2. Their eyebrows.
3. Catterina.
4. Foss.
5. Hayao Miyazaki.
6. StarClan.
7. Glenturret.
8. Fed the cat well.
9. Snow White. Also accept: Snowball.
10. The Lincoln Bedroom.

Round 5: The numbers round

1. About one in 3,000.
2. About 2,000 years ago.
3. About 90%.
4. 30 to 50 percent.
5. 19.
6. 1939.
7. 2008.
8. 23 pounds.
9. About 150.
10. The 1690s.

Judging numbers

For an answer given as "about" a number, accept anything within 10 percent of that number. For an answer given as a range, accept any number inside the range.

Accept equivalent wording, and the alternatives listed in the key.

Tiebreaker

Use only if teams are still tied after five rounds; it is not part of any round. Each team writes one number.

Dusty, a tabby from Bonham, Texas, holds the Guinness World Record as the most prolific cat. How many kittens did she produce during her breeding life?

Answer: 420. The closest answer wins. If two answers are equally close, the teams share the win.

Questions from the Cat Trivia Games question bank. Explanations and sources for every answer: cattriviagames.com/facts/printable-cat-trivia