

10 Signs You're Really a Human Cat



1. **You love naps.** Sleep is great but there's something special when it's in the middle of the day, crashed out on the couch. To you naps are an essential part of getting through the day and the only way you can deal with people.
2. **You're selectively social.** You can be the life of the party when you choose. However, you don't always choose to go to the party. Your friend group is a small collection of people that you have carefully selected. Not just anyone can take your time.
3. **Sometimes you're cuddle loving...** When you're in the mood, you love to cuddle and show affection. You're into pillow talk and romantic gestures. Just not every day...
4. **...other times you want nothing to do with touching.** Sometimes you want nothing to do with any form of contact. Maybe it's because you're selectively social. Maybe it's because of that swear word people murmur behind your back that you secretly find endearing. Either way, there will not be constant touching.
5. **You feel loyalty to people that meet your needs...** If someone feeds you or gives you something that you need in the moment, then you will commit your loyalty to them. You recognize them as your family and are not likely to run away when they need you.
6. **...but you're very independent.** However, you won't die without people taking care of you. Hunting is in your nature and you're used to taking care of yourself. Don't let anyone fool you into believing you can't do anything. You're too much of a cool cat for that.
7. **Your claws come out when you're in defense mode.** If someone threatens you or someone you love's happiness, you go into attack mode. You have a sharp tongue and aren't afraid to let your claws out when necessary. It's just a default fight mode.
8. **You can be seductive when you want to be.** Your eyes are alluring and your personality is interesting. Even people that say they aren't cat people find themselves attracted to you. Maybe it's your silky coat or your piercing stare.
9. **You're low maintenance.** Not only is napping your favorite pastime, but you don't require a lot of fancy things to be happy. Just give you something shiny and soft and you're good!
10. **You come across as aloof.** Being cold or distant, is just part of the the mystery that is your personality. It's not that you are actually a cold person, more just that you take a bit to warm up to people before trusting them. There's nothing wrong with being cautious.

Humans as cats are just puuuurfect creatures!

5 Summer Dangers & How to Protect Your Cat from Them

You may think that your indoor cat is safe from danger. While it's true that indoor cats face less threats than cats who are allowed outdoors, summer still presents a handful of dangers that pet parents should know about.

1. Overheating and dehydration

As the summers get hotter and more humid, heat stroke and dehydration become bigger threats to our cats who have limited resources to regulate their temperatures.

Heat stroke and dehydration are both very serious and should be treated immediately by your veterinarian. Act fast if you notice symptoms such as rapid panting, lethargy, drooling, weakness, dizziness, vomiting, diarrhea, a bright red tongue, dark red or pale gums, or nosebleeds.

To protect your cat from these very serious dangers:

1. Don't shave your cat in the summer. It may seem counterintuitive, but your cat's coat is an integral part of her ability to regulate her temperature. Instead of giving her a lion cut, help her groom away loose fur and mats with daily brushing sessions.
2. If your home doesn't have central air, be sure to give your cat a cool place to nap. Employ the use of air conditioners. On hot days, you can cool your home considerably by simply closing the curtains to block out the sun.
3. Make sure your cat always has access to fresh, cool water.

2. Sunburn

Cats who are white, light colored, hairless, or have white ears or noses are most susceptible to being sunburned. Yes, even indoor cats are at risk from window sun exposure. If your cat has been sunburned you may notice redness and irritation. Persistent scratching of the area may lead to open wounds and infection. Ultimately, a sunburned cat may develop skin cancer.

3. Fleas and ticks

Fleas and ticks are notorious hitchhikers, which can latch onto your clothes and find their way into your home to nibble on your cat. Fleas and ticks survive by consuming your cat's blood and can cause many complications such as flea allergy dermatitis, tapeworms, anemia, and Lyme disease.

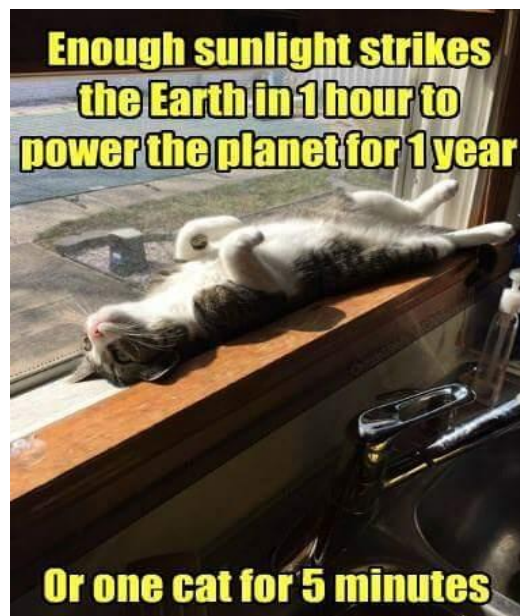
Limit your cat's risk of flea and tick related problems by checking your skin and clothes for ticks before entering your home after spending time in wooded or grassy areas, regularly use a fine-toothed comb to inspect the base of her fur for ticks and "flea dirt", and vacuum your home frequently to eliminate eggs before they hatch.

4. Bee stings

Bee stings aren't a very common problem for indoor cats, but they can be dangerous and even fatal if not dealt with properly. There's always a chance that a bee could slip in through an open door or a hole in a screen, and we all know how our cats will react when they notice it buzzing around the living room. If your cat has been stung, the area will be red, swollen, and tender. Apply a cold compress and contact your veterinarian, who may prescribe a feline-friendly antihistamine. If your cat begins vomiting or develops pale gums seek emergency treatment as she may be in anaphylactic shock (a reaction that can be fatal.)

You can lower the risk of your indoor cat being stung by routinely inspecting the outside of your home for nests and by quickly replacing damaged window screens.

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*******ADOPTION
SPOTLIGHT*****
Meet PRINCESS POPPY!**



Our little Persian, Princess Poppy, started being a frequent visitor to a volunteer's home on South Street in Pottstown. If the Princess was strolling down the sidewalk and saw our volunteer at the window, she'd run up to the porch and ask to be fed. It wasn't long before this delightful kitty became a Cat NAPS foster. Petite, sweet and interactive, the lovely Princess Poppy deserves a family who will take care of her and love her forever. We had to do two shave-downs on her due to her terribly matted coat. It was apparent she wasn't being fed regularly until she showed up at our volunteer's home – as a result, she will scarf down WHATEVER you feed her. Princess Poppy might want to be the only cat in the home. She was also starved for affection, and can sometimes be abrasive towards the other fosters. All her vet work is finished; current rabies & FVRCP vaccinations, FeLV negative & microchipped!

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5. Toxic houseplants, continued

Though toxic houseplants aren't exclusive to summer, the warmer climate and extra sun give us an opportunity to bring new plants into our homes that won't thrive during the colder, darker months of the year.

"It is difficult to obtain the friendship of a cat. It is a philosophical animal...one that does not place its affections thoughtlessly." ~Theophile Gautier

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th; 7 pm – 9 pm
SCOOP NIGHT!! Information Attached!**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th
Friendly's Eat In or Take Out!! Information Attached!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th
Pottstown Pet Fair!! Information Attached!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
FALL FEST!! Information Attached!**