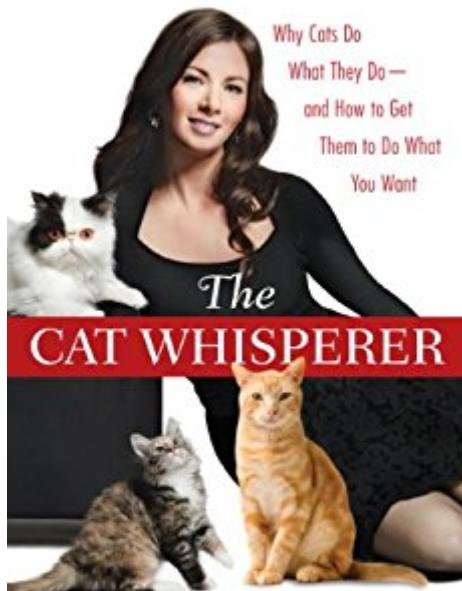


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The Cat Whisperer: Why Cats Do What They Do--and How To Get Them To Do What You Want



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Foreword by Gwen Cooper, New York Times bestselling author of *Woman's Odyssey*



Synopsis

Who says you can't train a cat? Just when you thought you had reached the end of your ball of twine, one of America's most popular cat behaviorists comes to the rescue of perplexed cat owners everywhere, providing practical and effective strategies for solving every feline behavior problem imaginable—from litter box issues to scratching, spraying, biting, and beyond. *À Cat Whisperer* Mieshelle Nagelschneider has been helping people deal with these dilemmas for two decades, achieving a near-perfect success rate. Central to her approach is a keen understanding of the unique way cats see the world—their need for safety and security, their acute territoriality, and their insatiable desire to catch and kill prey. Her proven C.A.T. cat behavior modification plan is a commonsense course of action that can be specifically tailored to your cat in the context of its behavior problems and its particular household environment. Easy-to-implement solutions help transform even the most anxiety-riddled companions into confident, gregarious, and relaxed cats who live longer, happier, and healthier lives. Inside you'll discover • how to harness the power of friendly pheromones • to improve your cat's appetite, exploration, grooming, and play • where, when, and how to create a litter box environment that will provide ease of access and reduce anxiety for you and your cat • how to end aggression in multiple-cat households and help your cats coexist peacefully. Is it impossible to train a cat? Not anymore! Your days of yelling and tearing your hair out in the wake of the latest household catastrophe are over. In this fascinating and indispensable book, the Cat Whisperer takes you inside the mind of a feline to explain why members of one of the world's most inscrutable species act the way they do—and how you can convince them to change their behaviors for the sake of your peace of mind . . . and theirs. Praise for *The Cat Whisperer* • "I wish I had read *The Cat Whisperer* before I started filming *Must Love Cats*. The cats would have liked me a lot more."—John Fulton, host of *Animal Planet's Must Love Cats* • "Mieshelle Nagelschneider is a wizard at demystifying cat behavior and providing easy-to-follow steps for solving vexing problems. I dog-eared (or should I say cat-eared) so many pages for later reference that my book doesn't want to close. Living with six demanding cats in a small house, I wish I'd had this excellent guide years ago."—Bob Tarte, author of *Kitty Cornered*, *Enslaved by Ducks*, and *Foul Weather* • "The reason people are so mesmerized by house cats is because they are truly miniature versions of lions, tigers, and leopards. In her book *The Cat Whisperer*, Mieshelle Nagelschneider explains the behavior of the house cat in an unprecedented and most accessible way, offering unique insight into the often misunderstood companion animal that is as wild as we have become civilized."—Jordan Carlton Schaul, Ph.D., contributing editor, *National Geographic*, and curator, Orange County Zoo • "Pet

owners despairing of getting their cats to behave will find new hope in this comprehensive guide. . . . This book more than meets Nagelschneiderâ™s goal of guiding owners to the strategies for behavioral and environmental change needed to address issues such as urination outside the litter box and aggressiveness.â•â "Publishers WeeklyFrom the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

My "found" cat (dumped at a local park) started out so sweet, the perfect cat. After a few months she started up with middening. I was desperate. It's been nearly a week since I got this book and started following her tips, not a single inappropriate elimination in that time. This book has been a godsend for my household. I've had cats as pets my entire life and thought I knew all about them. Boy, was I wrong!

Excellent book - well written in a very readable style. Her suggestions were more user-friendly and easier to implement than those in some other books on cat behavior. As an aside - I have never declawed my cats - and abhor the practice - but I was especially touched by the sample case

history in the book. I cannot believe that anyone who reads that would continue to support this barbaric mutilation of innocent animals. She is also not dogmatic about pushing any particular diet. Her book focuses more on cat behavior - and how we, as guardians, contribute to this behavior unwittingly. Fixing a cat issue therefore means fixing our own role in the issue.

I thought it was good advise. I had two cats that are 5 yrs. old and brought a new cat into the house. She is only 1 year old. They are all girls and have all been spayed. I don't know if she wants to play or fight. She is quite the aggressor. I bought some FELIWAY and used it. It has some pheromone in it which she recommends that you use. It has helped some but not as much as I would like. I have a large family room that has 16 feet ceilings and I think that may have something to do with it. I also have a sitting room that has regular ceilings in it and I have put another one in that room. I also do the sock thing where you rub it on the cats that have been in the house then you rub it on the new cat. I think that has worked. I have done other things that she has recommended. LaVerne

The book is good it addresses the majority of cat issues, but does not adequately address the new cat new home issue especially when the cat is extremely fearful. It does address Feral cats but mine is not. Human socialization is not addressed sufficiently especially when it comes to breeder cats. It does cover new kittens.

I found this book very difficult to follow and read. Pam Johnson's book "Think Like a Cat" is far better and easier to read.

If you are thinking of getting a cat and have never had one, this is the book for you. Also, if you have cat(s) and are wondering what in the world they are doing, this book will explain what you have gotten yourself into! Mieshelle also provides behavior counselling over the phone or web for a price. I would contact her if my lovely kitty had behavior problems not covered in the book. I am soooo glad I read this book early on in my cat-owning career. We are all, I think, happier for it.

great ideas and thinking - while our cat is slow to progress, I suppose some of that is in relation to our diligence and sometimes lack of - bottom line is we are seeing progress and i do recommend this book for any kitty concerns - no matter how big or small - she addresses a lot of different issues

Great for problems with litter box issues or aggression, but lacking in general cat behavior. I want to know more about why my cat puts her paws on my face, why she is so clingy, or why she wants nothing to do with me the next minute. If you have aggression or litter box problems, then probably worth checking out. The tid bits on anthropomorphizing are very good, if this concept is new to you. But, lacking overall for me.

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