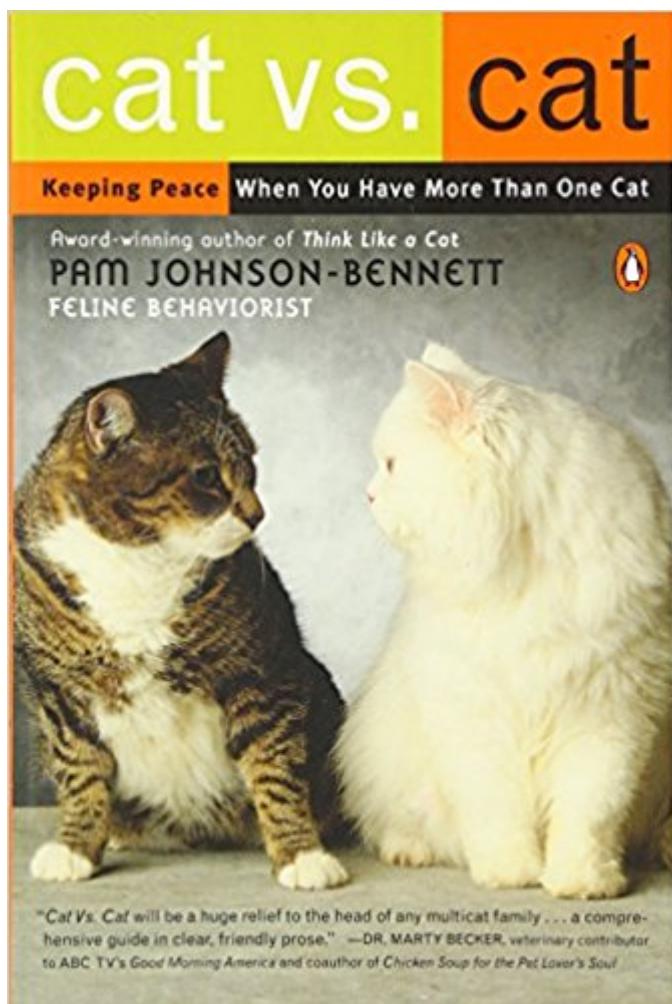


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# Cat Vs. Cat: Keeping Peace When You Have More Than One Cat



## **Synopsis**

From the author of *Catwise* and *Think Like a Cat*, the ultimate resource for managing a multi-pet household. Pam Johnson-Bennett, the award-winning author and feline behaviorist, shows how adding another cat to your home does not have to be the start of a kitty apocalypse. Although cats are often misunderstood as natural loners, Johnson-Bennett shows how to plan, set up, and maintain a home environment that will help multiple catsâ "and their ownersâ "live in peace. *Cat vs. Cat* will help readers understand the importance of territory, the specialized communication cats use to establish relationships and hierarchies, and how to interpret the so-called â œbad behaviorâ • that leads so many owners to needless frustration. Offering a wealth of information on how to diffuse tension, prevent squabbles and ambushes, blend two families, or help the elder kitty in your family, *Cat vs. Cat* is a welcome resource for both seasoned and prospective guardians of cat families large and small.

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I have had a 16 year old single cat (and a dog) for 10 years and before I took her in she lived outdoors 24/7 and defended her territory tooth and nail. This book really helped me a lot when I decided to bring another year old stray into the household. Probably not the best idea for the older cat who was very defensive and afraid but the younger one was not going to make it for long on the outside. They may never sleep together or bathe each other but with the help of this book I have been able to help my older cat learn to tolerate the younger one so that they can at least live peacefully in the same house together. I didn't do everything the book said to, and it was a much bigger adjustment for both of them than I ever imagined, but I did a lot of it and the longer time goes on the better it gets for each of them.

I've been volunteering in cat rescue for long enough to have seen many cases of people adopting a cat and returning it after a few days or sometimes even just a few hours, exasperated that the new cat "does not get along with our other cat(s)." Most of these folks have no clue how to properly introduce a newcomer to an established pet. This book will help you in that situation and keep you from becoming that clueless person returning your new cat to the shelter. How well your cats get along and how friendly they will become with each other will depend a lot on their personalities, too, but following the guidelines detailed in this book you have a good chance to achieve at least a peaceful coexistence between your feline friends. I have four cats, all unrelated to each other and adopted at different time points. They get along fabulously (most of the time anyway). From my personal experience, I can attest that many of the tips in this book will work great. I found the

sanctuary room (described in chapter 4) and slow introductions one sense at a time to work like a charm. Patience is the key with cats. I have one cat that can get aggressive (and have the vet bills to prove it from him fighting with a stray) and he will often redirect his aggression at the others when he can't get out. The tips in chapter 9 really do work to restore peace in the house. To understand how many cats your house can support, read chapter 4 (on territory) and 7 (on litter boxes) thoughtfully to judge whether you have enough space and are willing to put up with the number of kitty toilets and the amount of cleaning necessary to prevent "inappropriate elimination" issues. While many of the tips in the book may seem like old hats or common sense to experienced multi-cat owners, they provide valuable information for those just starting out by adopting a new friend-to-be for their cat or fostering multiple cats for rescue. Even though I had heard or read many of these tips before, I find it convenient to have all this information in one well-written book as a quick reference. I certainly recommend it to any cat owner adopting another cat.

This book is so very insightful about cats who might not be getting on, like mine were. I had one fellow who moved here with me, then foster/adopted a girl for him to play with since I figured I wasn't much fun, in a kitty kind of way. I did the long slow introduction but they still were battling it out daily. This book gave me a couple of hints that have them getting on MUCH better. I recommend it 100% for anyone whose cats might need a little interpersonal assistance!

Having recently brought a rescue male into our home where our two rescued female cats live has proven to be quite the challenge. Cat vs Cat is our constant guide and we've learned so much - and are still referring to it several times a day for HELP!!! Great reference book - can't imagine we would be doing so well if it had not been for what we have learned from the book and continue still to learn more every day.

This is an excellent book on cat behavior, not only if you're trying to make peace between two cats, but if you're trying to figure out your just one. Wonder why your furry friend bites you when you're sitting quietly stroking it? Read the section on petting-induced aggression. Terse, clear writing is easy to understand, and the excellent index provides direction to the behavior problems you face from day to day. I gave this as a gift and the recipient loves it.

Our four cat household (mixed family by marriage: two tabbies - brother and sister- hers and two Siamese, brother and sister, mine) suddenly started experiencing inter-feline rivalry and found my

male attacking her female while in the litter box, leading to its abandonment, and much distress on the female tabbie's part. Nothing seemed to help as this problem escalated over two months. The book offered valuable insights in litter box territorial behavior and we eventually found that removing the covers gave the tabby enough visual security to resume using the box! The book has loads of interesting information that even long time cat people may not be aware of. Worth a look!

Has helped me make sense of my cats' stress and behavior. Still working on implementing recommendations, but already noticeable improvements at home.

I bought this book a few months back to help understand my two kitties. One is 6 years old, female, and very self sufficient. My other kitty was an emergency rescue and I decided to keep him, he's now 6 months old. He was 1 month old when he was rescued. They don't get along how i'd like them too, my 6 year old kitty growls and hisses at him, though he isn't doing anything and she isn't angry either. It's really strange and it's been going on since I adjusted the new kitty into the home (About 5 months). Anyways, this book- I haven't gotten far into yet, about half but- I have learned a lot about the cat hierarchy and how it works. It's help me to understand the difference between dominance and aggression. it's a very interesting read for any animal lover or someone in need as i am. Great read!

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