Cats are wonderful, unique pets



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they're letting you in on it so you can start preaching it like it's some new anti-feline reli-

it's some new anti-feline reli-gion.
This disdain permeates our culture. Even in the lame Dogs and Cats movie, the cats were the villains. And it goes beyond just us.
A retiring vet from India vis-ited my clinic for a day A won-derful gentleman, he told me manzing stories about his prac-tice. He viderabped me to take back and show his colleagues what American yeterinarians. what American veterinarians are like. (Goofy, pudgy guys with pony tails!)

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Anywn, he saw Buthatuh, our clinic eat, and stopped in his tracks, saying, "There is a car running around!" I assured him it was fine. He then looked at me, and with a very serious expression, said, "But cats are civil!"
"Yn. I replied. "But that's part of their charm."
You can argue all day that cats are inferior pets, but they have surpassed dogs as the most common pet in the United States.

CATS ARE POPULAR

Cat popularity increases for Cat popularity increases for many reasons, one important reason being the convenience. We live in a time that families don't sit around the houses quilting all day. Most houses sit empty much of the time, as arents and kids rate through their heetite schedules. Finding the time to get home to let the dog out can be difficult.

AT HOME

Finding time to play with the dog? Often near impossible.
Cats dort need a lot of your time. Litter boxes can be cleaned when you get home, which means you don't have to rush back to avoid having the Yellow Sea on your hardwood floors. Also, eats take attention when they want it.

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They il let you show when that time is. Add to that the lower cost of food and health care in cast, along with apartment living being much more conducive to kitties, and it's clear why they become a favorite in our socie-

ty.

But what about that aloof personality? That lack of interest in you or your life bugs people.

ple.
Dogs bounce around the
house when you get home,
wagging their tail, seemingly
saying, "It's you! It's you! It's
you!"

you!"

Cats look at you through
partially closed eyes and seem
to say "Oh, it's you," then drift
back off to dreamland.

CURING THE DISLIKE

People visit ent owners and become disgusted about this distant treature, and how it ignores them when they want to pet it, or climbs in their lap when they don't want it to. But the true cure for hating cats is not to visit one. The cure is to own one. Every time someone gets a kitten or an adult cat for the first time, they say the same

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thing: 'He (or she) isn't really like a cat at all!' Then they inform me about how the critter runs up to greet them, fetches, and plays all evening with them.

Being very social creatures, most breeds of dug play with and get petted by anyone with relatively equal excitement. You can almost see a young Labrador's eyes light up when he sees someone, seemingly secreaning. 'A human! Live you! Pet me!'

Most cats treat their owners very differently than guests. They don't want any person; they want their person, awaitly you get hooked.

PERSONALITIES VARY

Each cat has a different personality all their own, and most can be very charming in their own way. Get 10 golden retrievers in a room and you have maybe two different personalities between them. Get 10 cats in a room, and you'll have nt least 19 different personalities 17 m a dog person at heart, lust cats have much to offer, and certainly more and more people learn this all the time. You may want to give owning a cat a try. They really do make great pets!

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HISTORY

is on one wall.

Also on the wall is a collection of medals and honors that
Gail Lobanoff's father, a pavigator and pilot, received in World War II. These include three Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Distinguished Medal of

Distinguished Medial of Homina path the collection and the collection together with Capt. Creighto Air Green uniform photo framed at Michigan Design Center in Troy. A Masonic sword that belonged to Guils great-grandfather hangs under the arrangement.

Next came the spacious family room, featuring deeper colors and earth tones.

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Two large burgandy floor cushions for Mac and Molly, the Lohannoff's dogs, are made of fabric developed by Robert Allen that reples water and odars. Burgundy is also on the upholstery and valance at the window seal.

A cabinet was built to house the TV. Also in the room are a recliner and a granite cocktail table.

Prints showing the Prints showing the Creighton family castle hang on a wall. These were found by the Lohanoffs' son when he was studying in Scotland. The Creighton name dates back to the 1700s.

LIGHT TOUCHES

A downstairs powder room features dark cabinetry, and a wide border with an elegant design of tassels topping the gold and white striped wallpaper. A magic wand adds a touch of whimsy among the accessories on the granite vanity.

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The upstairs master bedroom is a cheerful room with light colors and floral patterns, including a design around the perimeter of a recessed area of the ceiling, Gall Lobanoff calls its room her 'sanctuary.'

"It's like Queen for a Day here,' she said." I want it to be happy and light. I'm not moving to Florida.



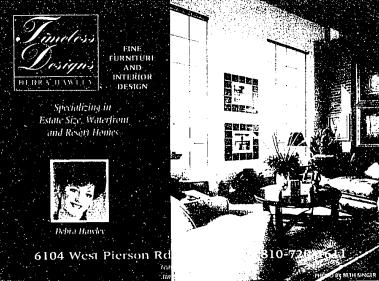
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