

Chapter 1 : You're Not Crazy, Your Cat Is. Here's Why Kitties Do The Weird Things They Do. | HuffPost

If you have a cat, the answer to the title's question is, almost by definition, yes. John Wright, certified animal behaviorist, has spent much of his career making house calls to advise the distraught owners of certifiably crazy felines.

And that cats are weird. While we may joke by saying that a "domestic cat" is an oxymoron -- can you really "own" a cat? Yet a lot of cat things are still totally baffling to us. Why do cats like boxes so much? Or so they think. Remember that cats are also hunters. Why do cats purr? Some research has suggested that sound frequencies in this range can be therapeutic, strengthening bones and providing pain relief. Why do they knead you? Biologist John Bradshaw suggests that cats may see you as a "larger, non-hostile" cat. But since cats are also known to knead pillows and other surfaces, another explanation is that the behavior stems from a time when wild cats would pat down foliage to make a bed. Or, since they have scent glands in their paws, kneading may be a way for cats to mark territory. Catnip is a strange drug for cats. But for those that are, researchers believe the compound nepetalactone is to blame. Why do cats, unlike dogs, all look really similar? Dogs come in all shapes and sizes -- from Irish wolfhound to Chihuahua -- while cats, aside from having different colored fur, all look pretty similar to the untrained eye. Of course there are different breeds of cats. Are cats natural born killers? A study in *Nature Communications* revealed that big cats -- lions, tigers, and leopards -- share. According to the study, all cats alive today last shared a common ancestor 11 million years ago. Big cats did, however, show several genetic mutations not present in other animals that help them run faster and digest meat better. So in some ways, Fluffy is actually just a harmless -- depending on her mood -- version of a fearsome predator. Why do cats hate water when they spend so much time cleaning themselves? Some love going for a swim, but most others will try their best to claw everything within reach at bath time. There are a few different hypotheses. It could be that cats associate water with predators -- even big cats will sometimes stay on land to avoid river-dwelling crocodiles. Or, since cats are also predators themselves, they may have a strong natural aversion to getting wet because the smell they give off like a wet dog after a bath is a dead giveaway to prey. But we knew that. Why do cats hate us? Unlike dogs, who may wait patiently by the door for their owners to get home, cats tend to show much greater indifference to their human overlords. Humans began to see cats as partners once our ancestors switched to agriculture-based livelihoods, because they were good at catching mice and other vermin. But they were almost never bred for any specific purpose other than hunting or looking pretty. Oh, but you can! Jinx in "Meet The Parents. Cats may also learn how to do tricks. ASPCA suggests the secret is motivation -- find a treat your cat goes absolutely nuts for every time -- and refraining from any punishment over a misunderstood command. Why do we buy anything for cats? Total and complete mystery. An earlier version of this article suggested that tigers avoid the water due to the threat of predators there when, in fact, they love to swim.

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Chapter 2 : Is Your Cat Crazy? by John C. Wright

Jaroslav Flegr is no kook. And yet, for years, he suspected his mind had been taken over by parasites that had invaded his brain. So the prolific biologist took his science-fiction hunch into the lab.

Layla Morgan Wilde Dr. John Wright, a psychologist, is one of the earliest pet therapists. His book *Is Your Cat Crazy?: Solutions from the casebook of a Cat Therapist* co-written by Judi Wright Lashnits is filled with case studies told in an easy to read conversational style. Not especially holistic, he advocates psychotropic drugs for behavioral issues. While some meds work in extreme cases, I believe other avenues need to be explored first. He writes about common behavioral issues with an emphasis on litter box issues. He says cats need three things for litter box success: There are some crazy cats from hell but most cats respond to simple behavioral approaches. In *Search of the Perfect Cat. Secrets of Litter-Box Success. The Crime of Punishment. Eating Habits Weird and Wonderful. Beware of the Attack Cat! Top Cat, Bottom Cat: Challenges of the Multiple-Cat Household. Inside Cats, Outside Agitators. Life-styles of Stressed-Out Felines. Getting Past Traumatic Events. Hatred, Revenge, and Inflexible Felines.* Published by Macmillan in

Chapter 3 : Book: Is your cat crazy? | Tipped Ear Clan

Dr. John Wright, a psychologist, is one of the earliest pet therapists. As a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, he's enjoyed a successful veterinary referral house-calls practice in Atlanta since

Chapter 4 : Is your cat crazy? | Yahoo Answers

Sometimes cats just go a little nuts. By: Sandy Schultz If you have a cat, it's a good bet you've seen this sort of behavior: All is quiet, when suddenly your cat comes racing into the room, scuffles around a bit and then tears out as though he's just heard that there's a free catnip giveaway.

Chapter 5 : Show Us Why Your Cats are Crazy!

Whether the problem is strange eating habits or a sudden personality change, aggression or post-traumatic stress, the treatment plan Dr. Wright devises is tailored to the specific cat, situation, and client. A new location for the litter box solves one case, while another requires a systematic.

Chapter 6 : Turns Out It Might Be Your Cat That's Making You Crazy.

There's a popular idea, supported by a few studies and lots of media stories, that cats can give people infections that cause serious mental illness, including schizophrenia, major depression and even suicidal behavior.

Chapter 7 : Is Your Cat Driving You Crazy? | Bottom Line Inc

Cats are great pets, but sometimes they can get a bit crazy. Do you have a kitty that acts a little cuckoo at times?

Chapter 8 : Is time for a crazy cat story? How crazy is your cat? | Yahoo Answers

*See, I just got this new cat, I call her Psycho B*****, and I'm just wondering if she's, you know, a bit tetchd. She craps in the dishwasher, tries to love up my dog, Ole Ernie, and spits and snarls at all my girlfriends.*

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This "crazy" behavior in cats can certainly catch you by surprise and a cat's body language is definitely not as easy to read as a dog's. If you've been wondering why your cat acts a little wacky, weird, and zany out of the blue, there are a few possible explanations.