

### Chapter 1 : Cat Owner's Survival Guide by Martin Baxendale

*The best part of The Cat Lover's Survival Guide by veteran author Karen Commings is that you can find help quickly. From treating kitty zits to giving your cat a pill, you'll find a wealth of practical, pertinent solutions for solving "pesky pet problems."*

Sadly, many of these kittens never reach an animal shelter, but instead perish from the elements. Those who survive too often become feral as they reach maturity. These feral cats then reproduce, thereby re-initiating the cycle of suffering. Read on to learn how you can help homeless kittens this season: Spay and neuter your own pets. Cats can reproduce as early as 4 months of age, and can become pregnant every 4 months thereafter. Look out for kittens on the road. Spring through fall, you are more likely to see small kittens living along roadsides and highways. If you find a stray kitten on a roadside or elsewhere, and can safely transport the kitten to a local animal shelter, do so. Bear in mind that where there is one young kitten, there are likely more. If you can do so safely, search the vicinity of where the kitten was found for any siblings. You are very likely find more. If you cannot search the area safely, note the exact location where you saw the kitten mile-marker, landmark, etc. Leave newborn kittens with their mothers. If you cannot capture the mother along with the kittens, wait until the kittens are at least 5 weeks of age before bringing them inside or to an animal shelter. TNR is a program that involves the capture of stray and feral cats. After being spayed or neutered and vaccinated, the captured cat is released back to where he or she was found. The cats may also be released or into a managed feral cat colony where the cat will be provided food and rudimentary shelter by a human caretaker. TNR is not legal everywhere. Check your local and state animal laws before trapping. Also, be aware that you must have express permission from the owner of the property where TNR is taking place. TNR is an effective way to reduce feral and stray cat populations over time, without housing cats in shelters or resorting to euthanasia. Learn more about TNR [here](#). Upper respiratory infections typically bacterial affect many stray kittens. The most obvious symptom involves swollen, inflamed eyes. Often pus and discharge can be observed in the eyes and nose. When treated early, these infections can usually be cured with a prescription topical medicine. However, if left to fester, upper respiratory infections can result in permanent blindness, or even loss of one or both eyes. If you recover a kitten who appears ill, transport the kitten to the nearest animal hospital or rescue as soon as you can.

### Chapter 2 : How To Keep Your Indoor Cats Entertained : A Cat Mom Survival Guide - Stay At Home Cat M

*"The Cat Lover's Survival Guide" presents its material directly, without beating around the bush or filling its pages with cat stories. The information is well-organized, sectioned, and bulleted throughout, making the book an excellent reference material for any cat owner.*

A Cat Mom Survival Guide This post may contain affiliate links, which means we may earn a small amount of money at no cost to you if you click on a link a make a purchase. Your purchases keep this site running! A New Toy Something new and interesting can keep your cat busy! And a worn out cat is a happy cat and less likely to cause trouble. Laser pointers are all the rage! And a link to our 10 favorite DIY cat toy tutorials. Leaving a video on while you are away is a great way to comfort your cat and keep them from feeling lonely. Cat trees and perches help your cat to do some climbing indoors. You could even consider building a catio , which is an outdoor enclosure for indoor cats. It lets them get some fresh air, but keeps them safe. A New Box Cats love boxes so much there is a whole day of the week dedicated to their love for boxes! Scratch Post Cats scratch to remove dead layers of their claws. Having a scratch post in more than one area of your home will prevent them from scratching furniture or walls. Quality Time Quality time is just that- quality over quantity. Cats want your undivided attention but not to be smothered. When your cat reaches out for your attention. Pay attention and validate what it is they are trying to ask from you. Does their litter box need to be cleaned? Do they want you to get off the computer because its bed time. Or maybe they just want to sit on your lap to be with you. And then they will come to you to be cuddled. You can learn more about them on their About us page!

## Chapter 3 : Cat Illness Symptoms: A Guide For Cat Lovers

*Note: Citations are based on reference standards. However, formatting rules can vary widely between applications and fields of interest or study. The specific requirements or preferences of your reviewing publisher, classroom teacher, institution or organization should be applied.*

I have created this guide for you to use as a "work in progress supplement" to regular cat health care provided by your veterinarian. It is not intended to replace regular veterinary care, nor is it intended to be used to diagnose, or recommend treatment for, any illness. It is strictly here to provide information. In addition, vet visits are only one piece to the cat care puzzle. You, as the primary care giver have to be alert to any sign of illness in your cat, and act accordingly. It just may be your keen observation of a behavior change in your cat that uncovers a feline illness that needs medical treatment, rather than something that your vet notices in a once a year exam.

**Cautionary Advice** First off, looking at a list of cat illness symptoms is not going to turn you into a cat health expert. I am not a cat health expert, nor a veterinarian, nor a pet psychologist. Do not try to diagnose or treat your cat yourself. Contact your veterinarian if you suspect that your cat has an illness. Second, this list is by no means comprehensive Third, many symptoms on the cat illness symptoms list, by themselves, may mean nothing. Others can be signs of an obvious problem. For example, if your cat vomits 12 times in two hours, it would be logical for you to conclude that a vet visit is in order. But, if your cat vomits one time, it may mean nothing. Maybe she just had a fur ball, or ate some grass. On the other hand, it is sometimes easy to overlook that your cat has been exhibiting several other behavior patterns that may indicate a cat health alert. When you add it up, maybe throwing up is just an indication that the problem is getting worse. Observation is the key. Fourth, a well adjusted cat is a healthier cat. The core of any cat health care regimen starts with providing an inviting, clean, safe, cat friendly environment for your kitty. Cats need to be able to explore their territory in a cat safe environment, get good rest, good nutrition from premium cat food, and exercise. A well fed, well rested, well protected cat is more likely to remain healthy longer. OK, enough of my ramblings, on to the guide to feline illness symptoms, starting with As it presents symptoms that are common to many other ailments and conditions, and tests are not always accurate, it is difficult to diagnose. In addition, symptoms can be very individualized, as there are two types of the disease, and different areas of the body may be affected in each cat. This family of viruses, known as Lentiviruses or "slow virus" is species-specific. They are known for life-long infection, and slowly progressive diseases. It is easily destroyed by household detergents and bleach, warmth and drying, and does not survive long outside the cat. It is carried in saliva and tears, and perhaps the urine and feces of infected cats. Due to the fact that it does not survive in the environment, it is contagious only by direct, prolonged, intimate wet contact with an infected cat that is shedding the virus. There is no evidence that FeLV is transmissible to humans or any other animal species other than members of the cat family. It is not actually a worm at all, but a fungal infection spread through spores. If infected, your cat may or may not be bothered by ringworm symptoms as some cases are asymptomatic. Ringworm is a self limiting disease, meaning that it can clear up by itself, but this may take months. It can be hard to cure, and the spores can be difficult to remove from a home, kennel, or shelter.

**Medical Disorders** Feline Diabetes Feline diabetes diabetes mellitus , known as "sugar" diabetes, is a common disorder of the endocrine system in the cat. It often affects older, obese males, but can afflict any cat. As far as cat illness symptoms go, diabetes can be varied, since it presents differently in each cat, and it can lead to other conditions. Excessive urination polyuria , and excessive thirst polydipsia are the classic signs of diabetes in cats. Although the exact cause in cats is not known, diabetes has been linked to pancreatic disease, hormonal imbalances, and certain medications. Obesity is a factor, so if your cat is overweight, be alert to feline diabetes symptoms. Unfortunately, genetic predisposition is also implicated. Regardless of food intake levels, diabetic cats lose weight because the cells are unable to process glucose normally. As the disease progresses, it can lead to further metabolic disturbances and causes vomiting, loss of appetite, weakness, and dehydration. With treatment, a diabetic cat can live many good years, and some even lose their need for treatment over time. These symptoms can sometimes be confused with other conditions, and vary from patient

to patient. Diseases of the lower urinary tract occur frequently in cats, and more often in males than females. In male cats, this condition can become an obstructed urinary tract, which is a life threatening disease. The name was changed to encourage better diagnosis of the root causes of the symptoms, leading to better treatment. These feline parasites are basically of two types: Cat stomach and intestinal parasites can produce signs and symptoms that are many and varied. Prevalence rates can be as high as 45 percent. This can be significant not only for the cat population, as some parasites have the potential to infect humans as well zoonotic disease. One such common zoonotic disease is toxoplasmosis signs and symptoms of toxoplasmosis. It is a group of chronic gastrointestinal disorders. High on the list of symptoms for IBD are chronic vomiting and diarrhea. Age Related Disorders Senior Cat Health Problems As they age, cats, like humans, can develop signs and symptoms of age related disorders. And, like humans, cats are living longer. A number of physical and behavioral changes occur during the aging process. Many conditions that affect aging cats, while not correctable, can be controlled through diet, medications, or environmental changes. Looking at the cat illness symptoms list with respect to senior cat health, aging cats can exhibit signs of any number of diseases that may or may not be related specifically to aging. For example, as a cat ages, the immune system weakens, making the possibility of infections more common. Some vets believe that making healthier cat food choices may help your cat to remain healthy longer. Dehydration, skin conditions, overgrown and brittle claws, hearing loss, bad breath associated with dental disease, clouded eyes, inactivity, excessive meowing or howling, and an unusual demand for more attention can all be cat illness symptoms due to age related conditions. In addition, impaired kidney function, loss of appetite, hyperthyroidism, high blood pressure, feline diabetes, and bowel conditions such as feline inflammatory bowel disease IBD are more common in older cats. There is also an increased risk of cancer as cats get older. Work closely with your veterinarian to understand which, if any, senior cat health problems your cat has or might experience in the future. Knowing which ailments your cat is most prone to will help you to identify signs and symptoms early.

### Chapter 4 : 14 Purrfect Gifts For Cat Lovers | HuffPost

*Any cat lover's book collection would be incomplete without The Crazy Cat Lover's Handbook, a purrfect volume for anyone obsessed with the majesty that is cats. This guide for human owners to best serve their feline overloads will make you laugh out loud until your cat gives you that funny look.*

First Things First! The very first thing any cat parent should do if their cat stops using the litter box, is to determine why. Urinating outside of the box is often an indication that something is wrong and your cat should be seen by a veterinarian to rule out any medical reason – especially if your cat has consistently used a litter box in the past. Some medical reasons for inappropriate elimination include urinary tract infections, diabetes, kidney failure, kidney infections, and thyroid issues. None of these conditions should go ignored or untreated! And, often times after your cat is diagnosed and treated, he will resume using the litter box. Cats are very sensitive and complex creatures. Here are some of the behavioral reasons a kitty may stop using the litter box: **New Surroundings** Moving to a new home is not only stressful for us – it can wreak havoc on a sensitive kitty! You might have luck with pheromone diffusers, like Feliway, to help your kitty transition to all the new surroundings with less stress. **New Pets** Adding a new cat or dog to the family may make your existing cat feel threatened, and that could cause inappropriate behavior. Some cats are very particular about their litter boxes. Also, covered boxes tend to trap odors inside like a smelly port-o-potty – can you blame a cat for not wanting to go in there? Never punish your cat for urinating outside of the litter box. You need to thoroughly clean up cat urine to break the cycle for good. Find urine stains by using an LED black light. Turn off the lights in your house and shine the black light on carpets, furniture, rugs, and walls to find the source of the problem. Cat urine will glow under the black light. Once you find urine, you need to properly clean it – not just mask the odor or wipe away the visible stains. Let us know with a comment. If you found this article helpful, pin it!

### Chapter 5 : The Cat Pee Survival Guide - The Catington Post

*A cat allergy is actually an allergy to proteins in the cat's skin, saliva, and urine. An allergy to cats is triggered "because the protein comes off of the cat's skin, saliva, hair and urine and becomes airborne," explains Dr. Bruce M. Prenner, a board-certified allergist with Allergy Partners of San Diego.*

### Chapter 6 : The Crazy Cat Lover's Handbook & Survival Guide | ThatSweetGift

*A spoof cartoon survival guide for cat owners, in similar format to Martin Baxendale's series of spoof New Baby owner manuals, record books and guides. A humorous gift-book for both first-time cat owners and more experienced cat lovers.*

### Chapter 7 : A Cat Lovers Guide to Kitten Season

*It's heart-wrenching to hear that your beloved cat has cancer. You may feel angry, confused, depressed, or otherwise emotional. You may immediately feel a sense of loss and start reminiscing about all the good times you've spent with your cat.*

### Chapter 8 : 23 Great Gift Ideas For Cat Lovers | Bored Panda

*A Cat Lovers Guide to Kitten Season Unless you have worked for an animal shelter, you have likely not heard the term "kitten season." As the name implies, this bit of jargon refers to the period between April and October when animal shelters are inundated with stray and unwanted kittens.*

Chapter 9 : 15 Affordable Art Pieces for Cat Lovers - A Cat Lovers' Gift Guide -

*How to Keep Your Indoor Cats Entertained: A Cat Mom Survival Guide* Sometimes indoor cats can get bored. They don't have a lot of room to run around compared to if they were to wander the neighborhood; so we put together this survival guide to help you keep your indoor cat from being bored and causing trouble.