**A Cat's World**

**Bad week for: Icons, with the death, at age 7, of Granny Cat, the internet superstar . Grumpy, who died of a urinary tract infection, was "a cherished member of the family," said he owners, who can continue to cherish the estimated $100 million that Grumpy's image has earned. *(The Week magazine, May 31 / June 7, 2019)***

**Cats don't caress us -- they caress themselves on us. (*Rivarol)***

**Does it ever amaze and delight you that of all the places in the world – cool grassy nests under hedgerows, warm patches of sun on a carpet – the cat chooses to sit on your lap? *(Nevada Barr, in Seeking Enlightenment)***

**In the beginning, God created man, but seeing him so feeble, He gave him the cat. *(Warren Eckstein)***

**A cat's got her own opinion of human beings. She don't say much, but you can tell enough to make you anxious not to hear the whole of it. *(Jerome K. Jerome)***

**Cats have it all -- admiration and an endless sleep and company only when they want it. *(Rod McKuen, in Book of Days)***

**Grandpa: "How long do cats live anyway?" Grandma: "Oh, not nearly long enough! Did you know that ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the death of their cats?" Grandpa: "Really? I'd be willing to shave off my eyebrows if it meant no more cat." *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Garfield: “I feel like I have a skinny cat inside me, and he's hungry.” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)***

**God must have wanted everyone to have a kitten . . . because he keeps making so many of them! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Cats know how to obtain food without labor, shelter without confinement, and love without penalties. *(W. L. George)***

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**No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**The first president to have a "First Cat" at the White House: Abraham Lincoln. *(Uncle John's Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 163)***

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**The cat could very well be man's best friend but would never stoop to admitting it. *(Doug Larson)***

**When I play with my cat, who knows whether she is not amusing herself with me more than I with her. *(Montaigne)***

**As a revered animal in Egyptian society and religion, the cat was treated to the same mummification process after death as humans were. Mummified cats were given in offering to Bast, the cat goddess. In 1888, an Egyptian farmer discovered a large tomb containing eighty thousand mummified cats and kittens outside the town of Beni Hasan. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 42)***

**They meow insistently, they shed all over the place, they're finicky eaters, and they never know whether they want to be inside or outside. But there is nothing more satisfying than when a cat shows you affection. *(Uncle John's Bathroom Reader: Colossal Collection of Quotable Quotes, p. 159)***

**The trouble with a kitten is THAT eventually it becomes a CAT. *(Ogden Nash)***

**Grandma: "Look what I got. It's a photo frame with a build -in computer chip. I put a photo of Muffin in it and recorded her voice. (Meow. Meow)." Grandpa: That's great! You can see her and hear her, but you don't have to feed her or clean up after her. I say we keep this and get rid of the cat." *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**A dog, I have always said, is prose; a cat is a poem. *(Jean Burden)***

**The problem with cats is that they get the exact same look on their faces whether they see a moth or an ax murderer. *(Paula Poundstone)***

**Grandpa: "What are you rubbing the cat with?" Grandma: "A used dryer sheet. I read in my cat magazine that it keeps her hair smelling sweet and static free. Do you want to try it?" Grandpa: Sure." Grandma: "I meant on the cat!" *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**North Carolina's shrine to house cats: Some called him crazy, but Harold Sims knew that this country needed a cat museum., said Michael Schoeffel in USA Today. The 84-year-old retiree was right. Fellow cat fanatics have come from as far as China to visit the American Museum of the House Cat, which Sims built two years ago in Sylva, a small town near Asheville. His colorful collection -- advertised as "Catman's Lair" in large rainbow lettering on a sign out front -- includes all sorts of fun feline tchotchkes, as well as real exotica, such as a cat mummy from ancient Egypt, where cats were worshipped as gods. Sims, a former marine biologist, also runs a no-kill cat shelter and writes cat poetry that brings Dr. Seuss to mind. His vision isn't complete yet, though: He's already holding a new location across the street that'll be three times larger. "It's going to be a big "wow" for people when they walk in," Sims said. "Hopefully, it'll live on long after I'm gone." *(The Week magazine, October 4, 2019)***

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**Your cat, if typical, sleeps away two-thirds of its life. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**How to tame a distracting cat: "Cats don't care if you are in the middle of a Zoom meeting," said Tim Dowling in TheGuardian.com. Naturally curious, they just want to get involved in anything you're doing. Toys, puzzle feeders, and cat trees can help keep a bored feline occupied. But the next time your cat clambers over your keyboard, start training him or her -- yes, you can train a cat -- to settle in a designated area on your desk. Place a small towel in a corner. "Every time the cat jumps up, point to the towel using a word such as 'here' or 'towel.'" Have a treat ready for positive reinforcement, and don't punish a cat that does dance on the keyboard. It probably thinks it's helping. (*The Week magazine, December 4, 2020)***

**Ways teenagers arelike cats: Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot. No cat or teenager shares your taste in music. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers carry on as if they did. Cats and teen-agers do not improve anyone's furniture*. (Rocky Mountain News, circulating on the Internet)***

**Cats think about three things: food, sex, and nothing. *(Adair Lara)***

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**If animals could speak, the dog would be a blundering outspoken fellow; but the cat would have the rare grace of never saying a word too much. *(Mark Twain)***

**If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man but deteriorate the cat. *(Mark Twain)***

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**In 1879, thirty-seven cats were used to deliver mail to villages in Belgium. It wasn't long before they discovered that cats were not disciplined enough to do this. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 42)***

**A cat has about 19 million nerve endings in its nose, as opposed to around five million for humans. Every cat's nosepad, like human fingerprints, is distinct and unique to that cat. No two feline noseprints are ever alike. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 42)***

**Today is January 22, Answer Your Cat's Questions Day. Anthrozoologist Dr. John Bradshaw believes that cats view humans as large, useless cats. Change their minds by giving them vertical spaces to explore and plenty of things to scratch. (*The Daily Chronicle)***

**Cats can make over 100 vocal sounds, while dogs can only make 10. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 42)***

**The phrase "domestic cat" is an oxymoron. *(George Will)***

**In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this. (Terry Pratchett, author)**

**Wife: "Hello, you sweet kitty! Mommy loves you!" Husband: "Why is it that you seem to like that cat more than you like me?" Wife: "For one thing the cat doesn't shed as much!" (*Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

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