

Fans of Felines 2 (2008+)

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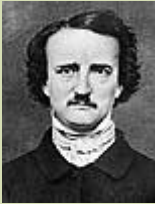
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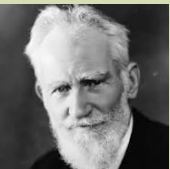
	Lagerfeld, Karl (1933-2019)	Choupette	The acclaimed German fashion designer's cat, a blue-cream Birman, became something of a celebrity in her own right, and even after his death was still taking part in photo-shoots. She was rumoured to still lead a luxurious life after having inherited some of Karl's fortune! She was being looked after by his former housekeeper. Happy Whisker (Jan. 2024) India Times (May 2026)
	Lear, Edward (1812-1888)	Foss	The English writer and humourist was devoted to Foss, so much so that when the cat was quite old and Lear had to move house, he had the new house built just like the old one, so Foss would know his way around.
	Lee, Robert E. (1807-1870)	Unknown	The general was a cat lover, and during his campaigns in the Mexican-American war wrote to his daughter asking her to send a kitten to keep him company.
	Leigh, Vivien (1913-1967)	Poo Jones	Acclaimed English actress Leigh had several cats. Her Siamese Poo Jones was said to have been with her when she died.
	Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich (1870-1924)	Unknown	Unlike many other dictators, the leader of the Russian Revolution was quite fond of cats.
	Lennon, John (1940-1980)	Tich, Tim, Sam, Mimi, Salt, Pepper, Major, Minor and others	The famous Beatle had a great love of cats and he and his first wife Cynthia had up to ten. The first one he had was called Mimi after his cat-loving aunt. He often sketched the animals and taught son Sean to do the same. As a boy he is said to have cycled to the fishmonger's to buy hake for his cat. A later cat that he and Yoko had was called Pepper. There's an excellent page on John Lennon and the many felines in his life here .(undated - archived copy) and there's another article here (Dec. 2017).

	Pope Leo XII (1760–1829)	Micetto	This pope had a large tabby, born in the Vatican; the pope was said sometimes to give audiences with the cat concealed in his robes. Upon the pope's death the cat was inherited by fellow ailurophile François-René de Chateaubriand.
	Lincoln, Abraham (1809–1865)	Tabby, Dixie	On a visit to General Grant's headquarters in the middle of winter Lincoln found three half-frozen kittens there, adopted them on the spot and took them back to the White House. They joined Tabby, the pet of the president's son Tad and the earliest recorded White House feline . Of his cat Dixie, Lincoln said, 'She is smarter than my whole cabinet. And furthermore, she doesn't talk back.'
	Lindbergh, Charles (1902–1974)	Patsy	Famous American aviator Lindbergh's kitten accompanied him on many of his flights, but he decided it would be best not to take her on his epic transatlantic journey. There's an image of him with Patsy in 1927 here .
	Lloyd Webber, Andrew (b. 1948)	Mica, Ozzie	One of the musician's cats once accidentally wiped out the score to his sequel to <i>Phantom of the Opera</i> by stepping on the keyboard. 'I think he was right, though,' said Andrew. 'The score I had written up till then was rubbish.' Later he had the two Turkish Van cats Mica and Ozzie.
	Louis XV of France (1710–1774)	Brillant	The Emperor had a favourite white Angora cat that went to his bed each morning, and during Councils of State was allowed to play on the table. He was said to be a large and placid cat.
	Manet, Edouard (1832–1883)	Zizi	The famous French painter would often use watercolours to sketch his cat Zizi.
	Marie Antoinette (1755–1793)	Unknown	The Viennese-born Queen of France kept Angora cats. Legend has it that after the French Revolution some of her beloved cats were taken to safety in America, where they became the ancestors of the Maine Coon breed.

	Mason, James (1909–1984)	Sadie	The well-known English actor and film star and his wife Pamela had many cats and wrote a book about them, <i>The Cats in Our Lives</i> , which was illustrated by Mason himself. Sadie was one that featured in the book and she was a Siamese. Some others (out of many) were Baby, Lady Leeds, Whitey, Zeke, Toppy, Sharon, Nibbler and Flower Face, another Siamese.
	Matisse, Henri (1869–1954)	Minouche, Coussi, La Puce and others	The French artist loved the company of cats, and when ill-health forced him to remain in bed he would be joined there by his favourite black one.
	Mercury, Freddie (1946–1991)	Delilah, Tiffany and several others	Delilah was the favoured pet of the rock-star founder of the group Queen; she was a tortoiseshell and immortalised in the group's song of the same name. The photo shows him with Tiffany. There's a comprehensive collection of photos of Freddie and his cats here (undated – archived copy).
	Mills, John (1909–2005)	Unknown	The famous English star appeared in more than 120 films over seven decades. In <i>Cats</i> he gave a memorable performance as Gus, the theatre cat.
	Mitchell, Margaret (1900–1949)	Pledy, Hypatia, Lowpatia and others	The Pulitzer Prize-winning author had a number of cats, including female Pledy and male Lowpatia; she taught the latter a trick that was rewarded with his favourite food of cantaloupe.
No image available	Mohammed (c570–632)	Muezza	The prophet is said to have had a favourite cat called Muezza that he would hold in his arms when he preached; and the story goes that he once cut off the sleeve of his robe rather than disturb her sleep. Because of his love for the animals, cats are free to enter mosques and Islamic law forbids killing them.
	Monroe, Marilyn (1926–1962)	Mitsou	Mitsou was a white Persian that lived with the American actress and singer in New York during the 1950s. Marilyn was fond of animals.

	Montaigne, Michel de (1533–1592)	Madonne	Montaigne, French essayist and philosopher, believed that cats had secret lives and said that they 'undoubtedly talk and reason amongst themselves'. He wrote, 'When I play with my cat, who knows whether she amuses herself with me, or I with her?'
	Montgomery, Lucy Maud (1874–1942)	Lucky, Daffy and others	The Canadian author of <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> and other children's books adored cats; her favourite was Lucky, described by her as 'the only perfect thing I have seen in this world'. She would read excerpts of her manuscript to grey tabby Daffy as he sat near her while she wrote.
	Moore, Sir Patrick (1923–2012)	Ptolemy, Jeannie	The famous veteran British astronomer had cats throughout his life; he said, 'Cats have been a constant love. I don't know what I would do without a cat.' Ptolemy's companion Jeannie died of kidney failure in 2011. In 2012, Sir Patrick wrote a book called <i>Miaow! — Cats really are nicer than people</i> , with many photos of Ptolemy and Jeannie; and when Sir Patrick died in December of that year, Ptolemy was with him.
	Morley, Christopher (1890–1957)	Taffy	An American journalist, novelist, essayist and poet, who also worked on stage productions for several years. His 'thieving cat' is commemorated in the poem <i>In Honor of Taffy Topaz</i> , the text of which can be found here .
	Murdoch, Iris (1919–1999)	General Butchkin	Dame Iris, Irish-born novelist and philosopher, adored this cat with the unusual name.
	Newton, Sir Isaac (1643–1727)	Spithead	The story has it that one of Newton's cats, with its constant wish to be let in or out, inspired him to create the 'cat flap', or 'pet door' – but the story may be apocryphal and it's not even certain that Newton had a cat.
	Nightingale, Florence (1820–1910)	Mr Bismark and msny others	Florence, best known for her nursing work during the Crimean War, probably owned some 60 felines during her lifetime, but her favourite was this large Persian — 'the most sensitively affectionate of cats, very gentle who never makes a mistake'. See this link .

	Nostradamus (1503–1566)	Grimalkin	Celebrated pet of the French astrologer.
	Petrarch (Francesco Petrarcha) (1304–1374)	unknown	The story goes that the celebrated Italian poet's cat was described as "her master's joy in the sunshine, his solace in the shade". When she died her small body was embalmed and kept in his house, until she was eventually buried with him. However, it isn't certain that Petrarch ever owned a cat.
	Poe, Edgar Allan (1809–1849)	Cattarina	A tortoiseshell cat that was a devoted companion of author Poe and his sickly wife, and might have been part of the inspiration for his horror tale, <i>The Black Cat</i> .
	Ravel, Maurice (1875–1937)	Unknown	French classical composer who had many cats, especially Siamese. His opera <i>L'Enfant et les Sortilèges</i> ('The Child and the Magic Spells') has a bravura cat duet sung by the Tom Cat and the She Cat in an authentic-sounding feline 'language' invented by Colette.
	Richelieu, Cardinal (1585–1642)	Soumise, Racan, Perruque	One of the most powerful men in seventeenth-century France presided over the burning of witches and their familiars, but was devoted to his own cats, of which he had 14; two servants were appointed to look after them. Each cat received a 'pension' in the cardinal's will. Soumise was one of his favourites and often slept on his lap. Perruque was born in a wig! Unfortunately although it makes a very good story, it's now thought that Richelieu's love of cats, and the tale of his will, are fantasies, maybe concocted by royal sycophant Moncrif.
	Roosevelt, Theodore (1858–1919)	Slippers	Slippers was a six-toed cat who caused the guests at a state banquet to detour around her when she went to sleep in a hallway. The Roosevelts also had a feisty youngster called Tom Quartz.

	Sand, George (1804-1876)	Minou	Pseudonym of French writer and feminist Amantine Dupin, whose cat was said to be so close to her that they ate breakfast from the same bowl.
	Sayers, Dorothy (1893-1957)	Timothy	She was an English writer, poet, essayist and playwright renowned particularly for her mystery and crime novels. She had a white cat called Timothy, mentioned in two of her poems: For Timothy and the rather sad War Cat .
	Scarlatti, Domenico (1685-1757)	Pulcinella	The prolific Italian composer wrote many works, including the <i>Cat's Fugue</i> , which was based on a sequence of notes said to have been produced by his cat as she walked along the harpsichord keyboard one day.
	Schrödinger, Erwin (1887-1961)	Milton	The famous physicist, whose 'thought experiment' suggested that in certain circumstances a cat could be regarded as simultaneously alive and dead, himself is said to have had a feline companion while at Oxford in the 1920s, but this is unconfirmed.
	Schweitzer, Albert (1875-1965)	Sizi	When he lived at his clinic in Gabon he was captivated by his cat. Unfortunately she liked to curl up and sleep on his left arm; but rather than disturb her the naturally left-handed Schweitzer struggled on with his work using his right hand. Schweitzer is noted for his comment, 'There are two refuges from the miseries of life: music and cats.'
	Scott, Sir Walter (1771-1832)	Hinse	Novelist Scott's bad-tempered cat regularly attacked his hunting dogs, but was eventually killed by one.
	Shaw, George Bernard (1856-1950)	Bunch and others	Shaw was an animal lover and anti-vivisectionist and was described as 'having a fellow feeling with cats'. Also a keen amateur photographer, many cats feature in his work.
	Springfield, Dusty (1939-1999)	Nicholas	Real name Mary O'Brien, Dusty adored cats. In her will she made provision for Nicholas to be taken care of by a friend.

	Steinlen, Théophile (1859–1923)	Unknown	A master of cat drawings, Steinlen was a Swiss who lived in Paris and would take his sketchbook into the streets of Montmartre to capture images of the street cats. He also painted people's cats more conventionally; his home had many feline inhabitants and was known as 'Cats' Corner'.
	Stowe, Harriet Beecher (1811–1896)	Calvin	The author of <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> became a cat owner after one showed up on her doorstep. She called him Calvin after her husband Calvin E. Stowe; he had a strong personality and was extremely intelligent. When he wasn't opening door handles or bossing around his caregivers, he loved to sit on Stowe's shoulder while she wrote. When she moved to Florida she gave him to Charles Dudley Warner, who wrote an essay about this remarkable cat (see <i>Feline Folios</i> 6).
No image available	Sultan El Daher Beybars (13th century)	Unknown	This ruler of Egypt and Syria was devoted to cats, and in his will he left a garden known as Gheyt-el-Quoltah ('the cats' orchard') in Cairo for the support of homeless cats. The rent of the field was used to provide a daily meal of butchers' scraps for the neighbourhood cats, served at the time of afternoon prayer, a tradition that continues to this day.
	Taylor, Elizabeth (1932–2011)	Jeepers Creepers	The famous film star liked cats; this photo dates from the 1940s. As well as her own Jeepers Creepers, she gave a Siamese cat to James Dean.
	Tesla, Nikola (1856–1943)	Macak	The cat's coat became charged with static electricity during a particularly cold thunderstorm, filling the young Tesla with wonderment and inspiring him to investigate the phenomenon, leading eventually to his later scientific discoveries in the field of electricity.
no image available	Thutmose date unknown Dynasty from around 1500 to 1300 BC	Ta-Miu	He was the eldest son of the pharaoh Amenhotep III and Queen Tiye during Egypt's 18th Dynasty, and is best remembered for the limestone sarcophagus of his cat Ta-Miu ('she-cat') in which she was interred after her death. See M ini Fragments 6 .

	Tofield, Simon (b. 1973)	Teddy, Hugh, Jess, Maisie	Simon is the illustrator behind the hugely successful Simon's Cat series of short animations and books. He has four cats, all rescue 'moggies', and bases the cartoons on observations of their behaviour. The main inspiration for the first ones was Hugh .
	Van Vechten, Carl (1880–1964)	Ariel	Cats do not necessarily hate water, and can swim instinctively, but they don't like unexpected wetness. Ariel would join American writer and photographer van Vechten for a swim in his bath each morning!
	Vaughan Williams, Ralph (1872–1958)	Foxy	The well-known English composer of classical music liked cats and is shown with his favourite.
	Victoria, Queen (1819–1901)	White Heather	The large Angora that was the queen's favourite outlived her and was inherited by her son and successor King Edward VII.
	Wain, Louis (1860–1939)	Peter	The black-and-white cat was the beloved companion of Wain's wife, and he taught Peter tricks to amuse her. She later died of cancer, but Peter appeared in many of Wain's early drawings.
	Wakeman, Rick (b. 1949)	Cookie, Scrabble, Teaser, Cobweb, GT	The famous musician, songwriter, author, producer and TV/radio presenter has been a cat fan and supporter since 1986, when he was given a small kitten called Cookie. He actively supports Cats Protection and other feline charities.
	Walpole, Horace (1717–1797)	Selima	The beloved tortoiseshell belonging to writer and historian Walpole accidentally drowned in a bowl of goldfish in 1747, an event immortalised in Walpole's poet friend Thomas Gray's Elegy to a Favourite Cat, Drowned in a Tub of Gold Fishes . <i>(copy link top browser</i>
	Warner, Charles Dudley (1829–1900)	Calvin	Originally belonging to Harriet Beecher Stowe (<i>see above</i>), Calvin went to live with the essayist and novelist Warner when Stowe moved. Warner became devoted to him and wrote about him.

	Watson, Emma (b. 1990)	Bubbles, Domino	Like her character Hermione Granger, the young heroine of the Harry Potter movies is a cat fan and has two of them.
	Watterson, Bill (b. 1958)	Sprite	Bill is the creator of the famous American cartoon characters Calvin and Hobbes. Sprite, a female, was used as a model for some of Calvin's features and behaviour.
	Wells, H. G. (1866–1946)	Mr Peter Wells	The English author Wells insisted the 'Mr' was always used in his cat's name. Apparently the cat had the habit, if a Wells guest talked too long or too loudly, of getting up from his chair, protesting loudly and stalking out of the room.
	Widdecombe, Ann (1947 –2026)	Pugwash, Pugwash II, Carruthers, Arbuthnot and others	The well-known British former politician and MP, subsequently an author and TV and radio personality, has had cats almost throughout her life; those named here are the most recent. She has written an account of her cats since childhood at her site.
 	Wolsey, Cardinal Thomas (1473–1530)	unknown	The cardinal had several cats at a time when keeping them was dangerous because of their supposed association with witchcraft. They kept him company at work, and a cat would sit quietly with him during Mass, as well as during formal meetings. He was said to have taken two cats along when he accompanied the king on royal business. The image is of his statue in his birthplace of Ipswich, unveiled in 2011 – with a cat sitting at the side of his chair.
	Woolf, Virginia (1882–1941)	Sappho, Pluto and others	When the writer received her first pay cheque, she decided to treat herself. 'I went out and bought a cat – a beautiful Persian cat.' Sappho and Pluto came later, their names inspired by Virginia's interest in astronomy.
	Zappa, Frank (1940–1993)	Marshmoff	Guitarist Frank was known as a 'cat guy'. Two of the songs he wrote are called 'Yo cat' and 'Alley cat'.

