

Kitty IQ Test

Want To Know Just How Smart Your Cat Is?

Take This Cat I.Q. Test And Find Out!

Introduction

C'mon, admit it – you think your cat is just about the smartest thing on four feet! You're not fooling me! (Actually, *I'm* the same way about *my* cat – there are days I'm sure she's waaaay ahead of me on the evolutionary scale.)



"Oh, lucky me! I have one of the geniuses!"

Are you sure?

Since cats don't take college entrance exams, and can't "verbalize" in *our* language, we have to "guestimate" just how intelligent they really are. I've had cats that were certainly able to out-think me on my best days, and I've had cats that were dumber than a box of rocks. I'm sure you have, too.

And while scientists have done an incredible amount of research into, for and about cats, they haven't yet managed to gauge with any degree of accuracy just how smart cats *really* are.

So, here, for your enjoyment and entertainment, is a "home-brewed" Cat I.Q. test. Please note – this is not a *scientific* I.Q. (Intelligence Quotient) test – there *are* no such tests that have been developed for cats – this is all in fun, and with tongue firmly in cheek!

Enjoy!



Now before you begin I suggest you read these all through so you know what you are getting in to and you can plan in advance.

Follow these rules for testing:

➤ **Do only a few tests at a time.**

There are 40 tests. **Don't do them all at once!** You'll only overwhelm your cat and her scores will gradually become lower due to fatigue. (actually that's *YOUR* fatigue...not to mention frustration!)

Instead, do a few in the morning, a few in the afternoon, a few in the evening. You'll have time to lie down and recuperate before subjecting yourself to more torture.

Take a few days to administer the full IQ test. You'll be giving your cat her best chance at the **highest possible scores.**

For each group of tests, she will be well-rested and mentally sharp. And you'll have time for your "daily constitution".

➤ **Plan ahead for each group of tests.**

If you'll need to build anything, do so ahead of time. If you'll need materials-- a flashlight, a can of cat food, whatever -- gather them beforehand.

If you'll need a helper, make sure they are available.

Have everything ready so that when you get your cat and start your tests, you can run through several without pause, while you still have her/your full attention and enthusiasm.

➤ **For scoring purposes, don't repeat a test.**

Only the first time truly reflects your cat's innate abilities. No cheating!

However, if something truly unusual were to happen -- the doorbell rings, your kids burst in on the test, a picture frame falls off the wall and frightens your cat -- you should abandon the test until everyone has had time to calm down, have a drink and regroup.

Then repeat the test. (That is NOT considered cheating.)

➤ **Make the tests a game.**

This one I can't emphasize enough. Encourage your cat to do her best. But no matter how she does, give her a smile, a hug ...then pat *yourself* on the back and tell yourself *"It's really not your fault!"*

Final Notes:

For accurate results you must actually perform the tests. Only in extreme circumstances are you permitted to make a "hypothetical estimate" of your cat's responses.

Please have a pencil (or pen) ready, and answer the questions to the best of your ability – and try to be as honest as possible.

Circle a, b, c, or d, whichever most accurately describes your cat's actions.

See Page 21 for scoring and results.

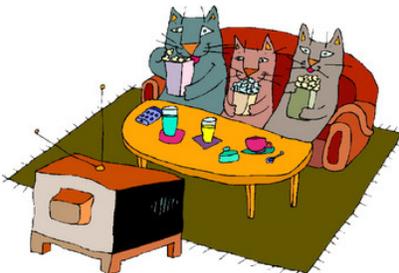
And now... on to the tests!

Note: you may want to video this for posterity...and for submission to one of those "Funniest Home Videos" TV shows!

Section 1 – Testing Your Cat’s Reasoning Ability

1. **Place an unopened can of cat food in your cat’s bowl. Your cat:**
 - a. Ignores the container.
 - b. Sniffs at the container, and then walks away.
 - c. Looks from you to the container and back again, waiting for you to open it.
 - d. Gets the can opener.

2. **Your cat is sleeping on your lap while you’re watching television, and a nature show featuring woodland birds comes on. Your cat:**
 - a. Continues sleeping.
 - b. Wakes up and watches for a minute before going back to sleep.
 - c. Wakes up, jumps off your lap and sits in front of the TV, watching intently.
 - d. Takes the remote control away from you and turns up the volume on the TV.



- 3. Bring the cat carrier out for a trip to the vet's. Your cat:**
- a. Sniffs the car carrier, then yawns.
 - b. Jumps in, eagerly awaiting the ride in the car.
 - c. Runs and hides.
 - e. Steals your car keys and hides them where you can't find them.
- 4. Go into the kitchen and open the refrigerator. Your cat:**
- a. Ignores you completely.
 - b. Comes wandering in after a few minutes.
 - c. Comes running as soon as the refrigerator door is opened.
 - d. Walks into the kitchen and hands you a menu.



- 5. At Christmas, you put a Christmas tree in your family room. Your cat:**
- a. Sniffs the tree, then yawns.
 - b. Eats all the tinsel off the bottom of the tree and hacks all over the carpet.
 - c. Tries to climb the tree and tips it over.
 - d. Reorganizes the presents under the tree according to name tags.
- 6. Clean out your cat's litter box. Your cat:**
- a. Ignores you.
 - b. Watches intently.
 - c. Jumps in as soon as you're done.
 - d. Cleans *your* bathroom for *you*.
- 7. When you're talking to someone about your cat, your cat:**
- a. Ignores you.
 - b. Sits on the floor, staring at you.
 - c. Comes over, jumps into your lap and starts purring.
 - d. Changes the subject.

8. You adopt a new puppy. Your cat:

- a. Ignores the puppy, and ignores you.
- b. Hisses, spits and hides under the bed for three days.
- c. Quickly establishes who's the boss.
- d. Brings the puppy a decapitated mouse as a warning.

9. If you put your cat down in front of a mirror, your cat:

- a. Sniffs the mirror, then yawns.
- b. Hisses at the reflection in the mirror.
- c. Looks behind the mirror to find the other cat.
- d. Breaks out the blow dryer and the mousse.

10. Your cat's favorite toy is:

- a. A pillow.
- b. A ball of twine.
- c. A squeaky rubber mouse.
- d. Your computer keyboard.



Go rest...

Section 2 – Testing Your Cat’s Physical Prowess

1. When trying to jump from one piece of furniture to another, your cat:

- a. Frequently misses, crashing onto the floor.
- b. Succeeds most of the time, sometimes has to hang on with claws.
- c. Jumps down from one, walks over to the next and climbs up.
- d. Doesn’t jump. Waits for you to pick it up and carry it across.

2. When you go to bed at night and turn off all the lights, your cat:

- a. Looks around, yawns and goes back to sleep.
- b. Follows you to bed and goes to sleep on your feet.
- c. Immediately wants to be fed.
- d. Gets the flashlight and goes for a walk.



3. Use a laser pointer or flashlight to shine a dot on the floor. Your cat:

- a. Ignores the dot completely.
- b. Jumps on the dot and will chase it for hours
- c. Figures out that you're holding the laser pointer, and attacks your hand.
- d. Takes the laser pointer away from you, and soon has *you* chasing it.

4. Place an empty box on the floor. Your cat:

- a. Ignores it completely.
- b. Jumps in, sniffs the box, then immediately jumps out.
- c. Jumps in, sniffs the box, then lays down for a nap.
- d. Begins packing your collection of Richard Simmons exercise tapes.



- 5. Bark at your cat like a dog. Your cat:**
- a. Looks at you curiously, then yawns and goes back to sleep.
 - b. Runs away from you.
 - c. Runs over to you to investigate what you're doing.
 - d. Calls the Mental Health Department.
- 6. When climbing trees, your cat:**
- a. Sniffs the tree, uses the trunk to sharpen its claws, then walks away.
 - b. Scampers up trees with no problem whatsoever.
 - c. Climbs trees easily, only occasionally needs a fire department rescue.
 - d. Doesn't climb trees, calls the fire department when it needs a lift.
- 7. When your kids are playing, your cat:**
- a. Takes a nap.
 - b. Occasionally joins in.
 - c. Attacks their ankles when they come near.
 - d. Dons a referee's shirt and breaks out a whistle.

8. You have a pet bird. When you clean the cage, your cat:

- a. Watches for a few minutes, then goes back to sleep.
- b. Sits on the floor, watching intently.
- c. Sits on the back of the couch, meowing for you to get out of the way.
- d. Offers to watch the bird while you go get fresh newspapers.

9. Your cat's favorite pastime is:

- a. Napping.
- b. Following you around.
- c. Playing Frisbee.
- d. Investing.



10. Go outside to do yard work. Your cat:

- a. Follows you outside, then goes to sleep in the sun.
- b. Goes outside with you and watches you work.
- c. Goes outside with you and pees all over your newly potted plants.
- d. Gives you the "Planting Guide for Idiots," and takes a nap.

Go rest.

Section 3 – Testing Your Cat’s Powers of Purr-suasion

1. To awaken you, your cat:

- a. Doesn’t try. Waits until you wake up on your own.
- b. Meows quietly until you get up.
- c. Sits in the middle of your chest and hits your cheek with its paw.
- d. Grabs the remote and turns the TV on with the volume on maximum.

2. If your cat’s water bowl is empty, your cat:

- a. Falls asleep by the bowl waiting for you to fill it.
- b. Meows constantly until you fill it.
- c. Drinks out of the fish aquarium.
- d. Calls “Alhambra” and sets you up with a weekly delivery.

3. If you fill your cat’s food bowl in the morning, your cat will:

- a. Eat all the food - eventually.
- b. Eat all the food and ask for more.
- c. Insist on fresh food if the food in the bowl is more than 10 minutes old.
- d. Shows the dog where the cat food bowl is, then practice looking hungry.

4. **When your cat sees a bird outside through the window, your cat:**
- a. Watches it for a few minutes, yawns, then goes back to sleep.
 - b. Runs to the window and watches intently.
 - c. Runs to the window, watches intently with tail twitching, meowing until let out.
 - d. Gets the shotgun and whistles for the dog.
5. **When your cat wants to go outside in the middle of the night, your cat:**
- a. Doesn't go outside at night.
 - b. Sits by the window and meows until you let it out.
 - c. Scratches at the door like the dog.
 - d. Calls 911 and reports a burglar.



6. Forget to clean the cat litter box. Your cat:

- a. Doesn't care.
- b. Sits by the litter box and meows until you clean it.
- c. Refuses to use the litter box, and goes in your bathtub.
- d. Calls the local landscape supply and orders a dump truck load of sand.

7. Enroll your dog in obedience training. Your cat:

- a. Has no opinion.
- b. Is jealous that the dog is getting extra attention.
- c. Thinks the dog should be in classes for the Incurably Stupid.
- d. Enrolls *you* in a "Better Way to Spend Your Money" class.

8. Lock your dog and cat in the basement. Your cat:

- a. Finds a place to sleep until you return and let them out.
- b. Hides behind the water heater until you return and let them out.
- c. Chases mice until you return and let them out.
- d. Talks the dog into digging a tunnel to the outside.



9. Bring out the vacuum to clean the house. Your cat:

- a. Goes outside to take a nap.
- b. Hisses and runs under the bed to hide.
- c. Picks up its toys.
- d. Takes your car keys and goes shopping until you're done.

10. How curious is your cat?

- a. Not in the slightest.
- b. Somewhat curious, if it doesn't interfere with feeding time.
- c. Very curious. Will check out any new situation immediately.
- d. Only curious about the latest Wall Street numbers and what's for dinner.

Go take another rest..



Section 4 – Testing Your Cat’s Social Graces

1. **You have a visitor that is highly allergic to and afraid of cats. Your cat:**
 - a. Ignores the visitor, and ignores you.
 - b. Hisses, runs away and hides under the bed.
 - c. Sits on the other side of the room and stares at your visitor.
 - d. Jumps in the visitor’s laps and beings purring loudly.

2. **You have a dinner party and lock your cat in a bedroom so it doesn’t bother your guests. Your cat:**
 - a. Doesn’t care. Takes a nap.
 - b. Meows for a few minutes, then settles down and takes a nap.
 - c. Meows incessantly and claws at the door the whole time.
 - d. Picks the lock on the door and joins the party.

3. **If you leave for the weekend, your cat will:**
 - a. Be in the same place when you return as when you left.
 - b. Wait patiently at the door until you return.
 - c. Will destroy your favorite knick-knack while you’re gone.
 - d. Calls the neighbors and throws a party.



4. When you take your cat to the vet, your cat:

- a. Sleeps in the cat carrier until it's time for its appointment.
- b. Hisses at everyone that walks by in the waiting room.
- c. Sits in your lap in the waiting room and watches everything intently
- b. Flirts with everyone in the waiting room

5. When you have to give your cat a pill, your cat:

- a. Swallows it right away, as long as it's wrapped in food.
- b. Swallows it, then hisses, runs away and hides under the bed.
- c. Chews it, spits it out, then bites your finger.
- d. Doesn't take pills. Makes you get meds in liquid form that can be mixed with daily martini.



6. On the way back from the vet, riding in the car, your cat:

- a. Lies quietly in its cat carrier.
- b. Tries to hide under the seats, or better yet, directly under your feet.
- c. Gives you driving directions from the back seat.
- d. “Flips off” a passing highway patrol officer from the back window.

7. When the highway patrol officer pulls you over, your cat:

- a. Hides in the cat carrier. Or may be just napping.
- b. Hisses and hides under the seat.
- c. Cowers in the back seat, looking abused.
- d. Pees on the officer’s arm when he hands you the ticket.



8. When your cat goes next door to visit the neighbors, your main concern is:

- a. My cat doesn’t go next door. It’s too far to walk.
- b. That my cat won’t get in a fight with the neighbor’s cat.
- c. That my cat won’t terrorize the neighbor’s dog.
- d. What my cat may do to my neighbors.

9. Have a visitor that's never been to your home before. Your cat:

- a. Lifts its head off the pillow, yawns and goes back to sleep.
- b. Hisses, then runs and hides under the bed.
- c. Sits across the room staring at them, but won't approach.
- d. Circles their feet, purring, but only at the top of the stairs.

10. Your cat's favorite movie is:

- a. Can't stay awake for an entire movie.
- b. The Cat in the Hat.
- c. That Darn Cat.
- d. The Godfather.

Phew!



Scoring and Results

Add up all your points and check your results below:

- For every "a" answer, give your cat 1 point
- For every "b" answer, give your cat 2 points
- For every "c" answer, give your cat 3 points
- For every "d" answer, give your cat 4 points

Results:

Score	Level	Comments
40-48	Comatose	Take your cat to the vet to check for levels of consciousness
49-88	Average	Your cat is a typical, ordinary, completely average feline. Loveable but not excessively bright.
89-128	Intelligent	Your cat is smart, evil and manipulative. In short, a pretty normal cat.
129-160	Genius	Your cat is smarter than you. In fact, your cat really isn't a cat but an alien clone. Surrender now while there's still time!

