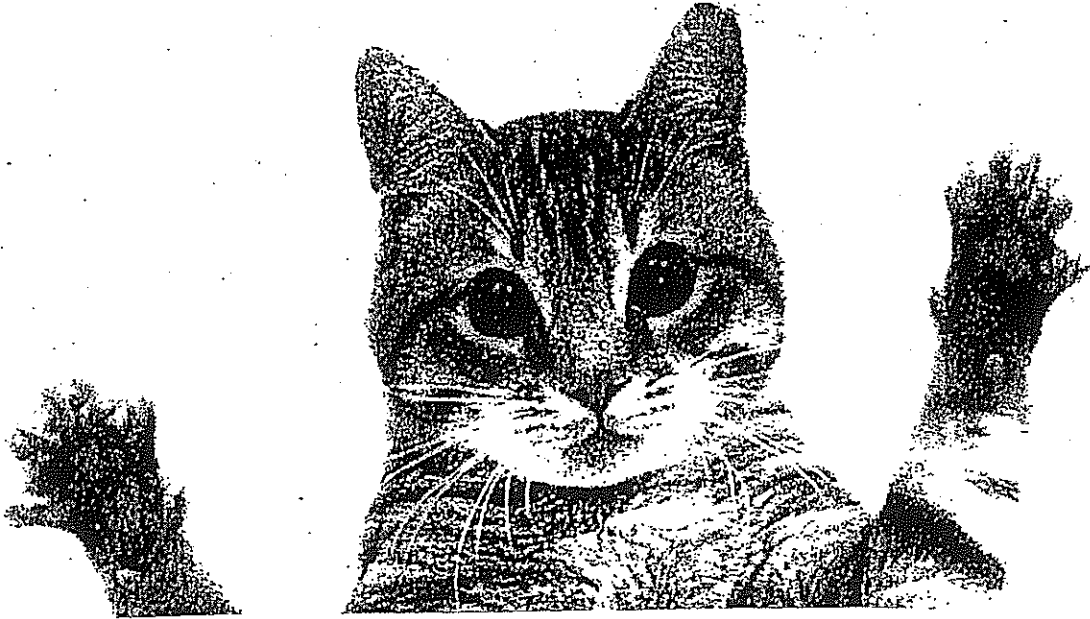




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A WAYSHOWING SLIDE SHOW ABOUT:

- THE UNIQUE DEXTERITY & COUNTLESS INTEGRAL USES OF FELINE PAWS & CLAWS
- THE ASTONISHING CRUELTY OF THE WIDESPREAD, PREMEDITATED MUTILATION/ CRIPPLING OF HEALTHY LIMBS OF CATS (AND SOME OTHER ANIMALS) INFLECTED BY VETERINARIANS ET AL. 
- SIMPLE BASICS OF *HUMANE* CARE OF CATS


This cruelty has become heavily marketed & inflicted
in North America (and some other places).
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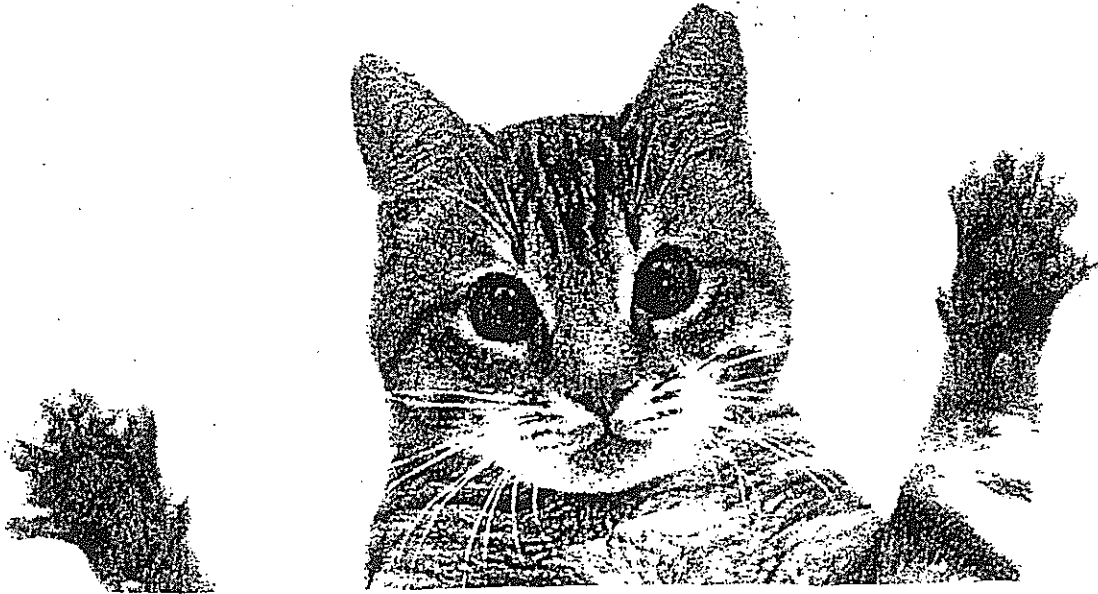
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FELINE DEXTERITY AND INGENUITY

Paws have so many important functions in the life of a cat.



The front paws of a cat are delicate sensory organs, organs of locomotion, and dexterous tools that perform countless tasks.

Cats walk on their toes,
like ballet dancers.

A cat uses healthy paws and claws to grasp, groom, dig and rake litter material/earth, walk, balance, mark territory, defend itself and others (kittens, et al.), climb, play, knead, communicate, and perform countless ongoing routine tasks of living.



Cats have a dominant forepaw and hind paw, usually the left, just as humans have a dominant hand and foot, usually the right.

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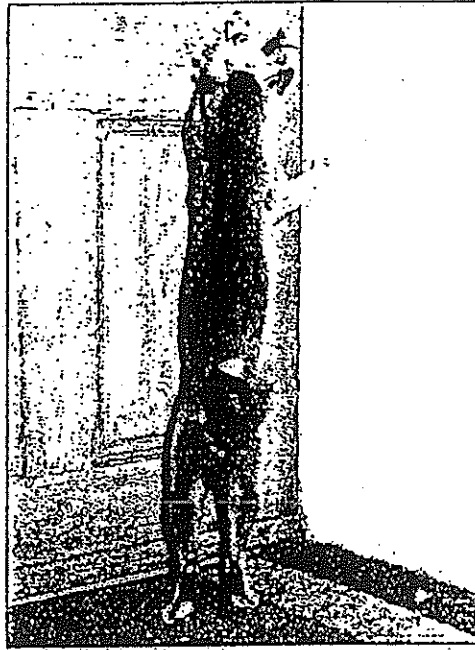
CATS

AMAZING FACTS

"Almost prehensile in their ability to grab, cuff, tap, hold, and snatch, a cat's front paws possess a versatility unique to felines."
See: Wild Cats of the World by Barbara Sleeper, Crown Publishers, Inc., NY, 1995.

The DNA of the cat is closest to that of man of any animal other than the primates. The same part of the feline and human brain correspond to emotion. The brain-body ratio is the same for man and cat. See: "The Human-Cat Connection," and "Cats: Nature's Masterwork," National Geographic, June, 1997.

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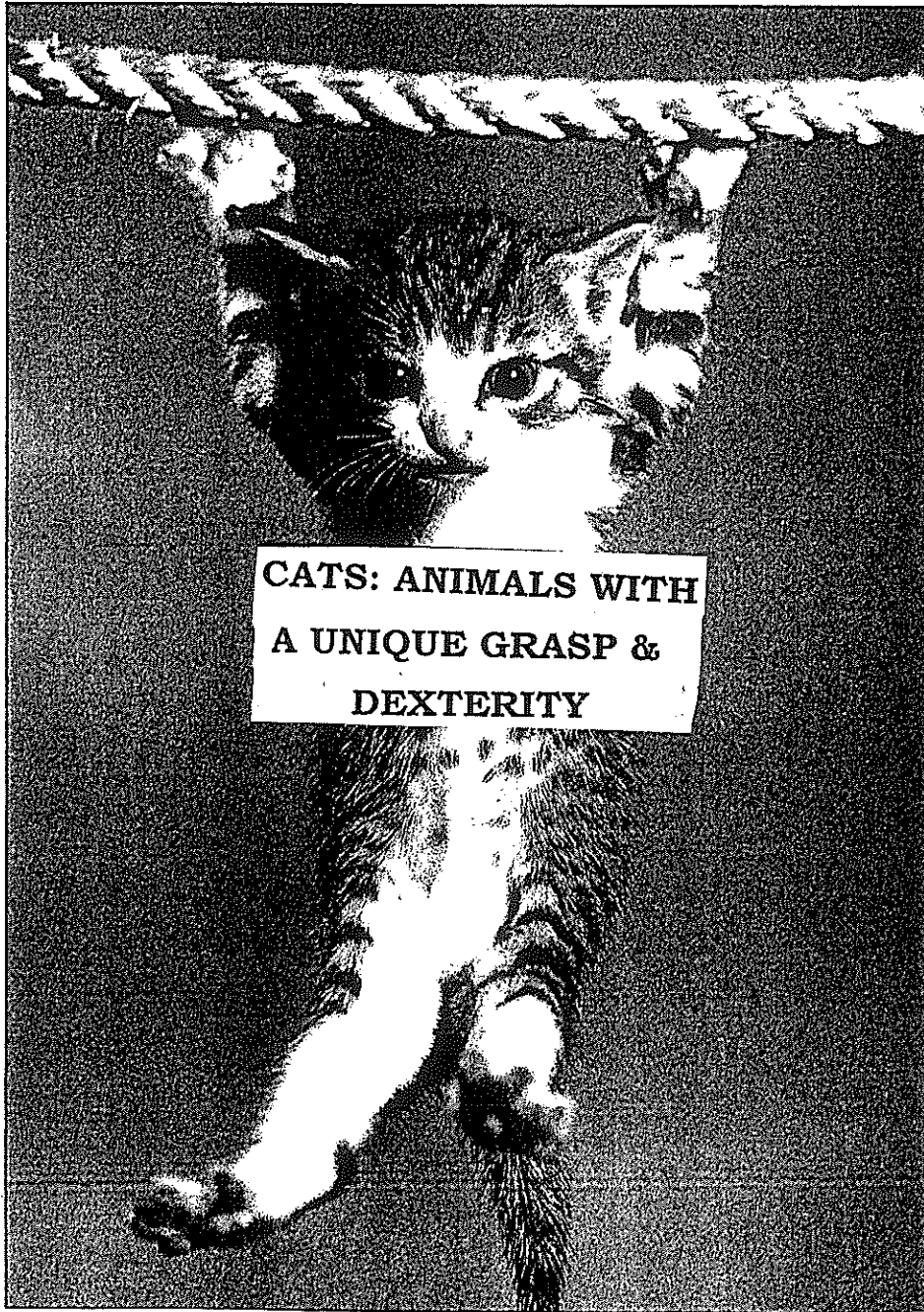


A clever cat can learn to open doors, through careful study of human behavior. If the handle is too high or requires a two-handed or strong turn, the cat may pounce on it and make a successful entry!

(From You & Your Cat—A Complete Guide to the Health, Care & Behavior of Cats by David Taylor, Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 1997)

A cat at the Vatican independently routinely opened the door to the kitchen at mealtimes by reaching up and turning the doorknob! See the book, Cat Shots, published by the National Geographic Society in 1998.

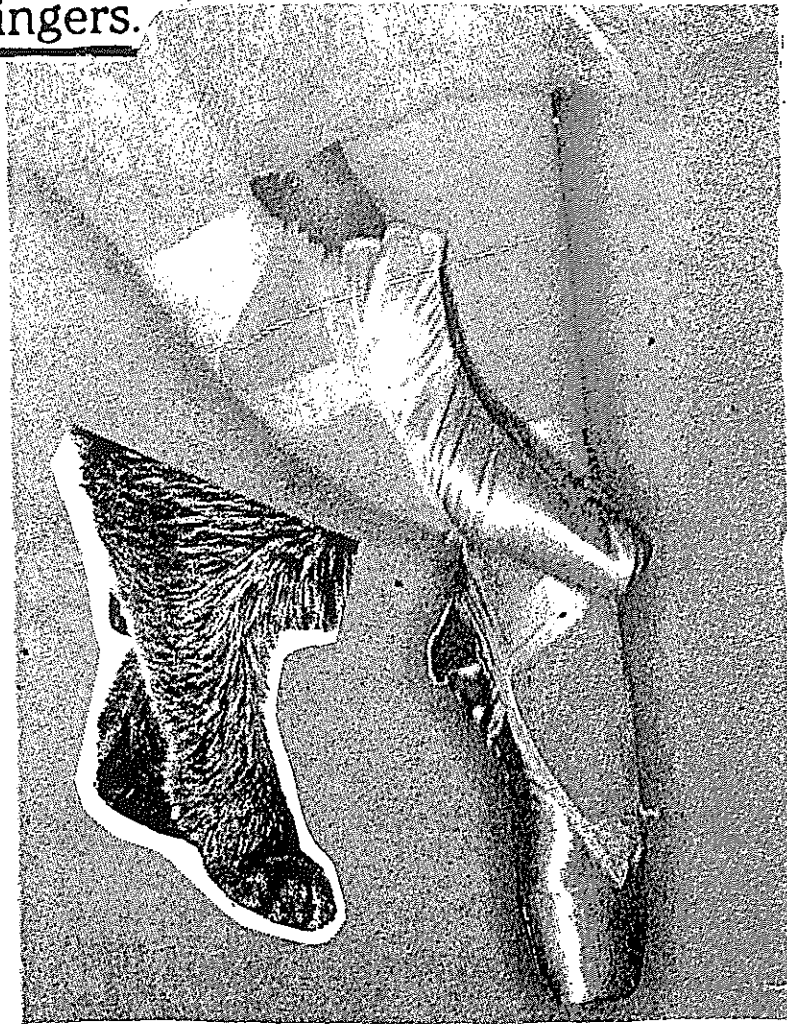
**WALES A cat clung to the roof of a Ford Escort driven by staff nurse, Adria Bryan, on her four-mile ride to work in Rhyl, North Wales. Bryan told the Sun: "I must have been doing 60. Joe clung on for dear life with his claws to the groove at the top of the rear door. It's unbelievable."
(Reported on website: Ananova.com, and in Metro, 5/24/04)**



The word, *cat*, in Greek, Latin, Russian, Arabic, German, and French has been traced to the Indo-European root word, *ghad*, which means *to grasp or catch*. Grasping and catching are integral to the essence of being a cat.

CATS WALK ON THE ENDS OF THEIR TOES/FINGERS LIKE BALLET DANCERS

Unlike some carnivores, which possess “plantigrade” feet, cats have “digitigrade” feet. In plantigrade animals the body’s weight is borne by a series of bones (the equivalent of the human finger and hand bones) placed flat on the ground. But the digitigrade cat walks on the ends of its fingers.



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ALL CATS ARE SO MUCH ALIKE!

The puma is the largest little cat, and the rusty-spotted cat is the smallest. A puma can be nine feet long, including the tail. A rusty-spotted cat may be only two feet long and weigh only three pounds when fully grown. Rusty-spotted cats are so small that four of them together would weigh only as much as one average house cat.



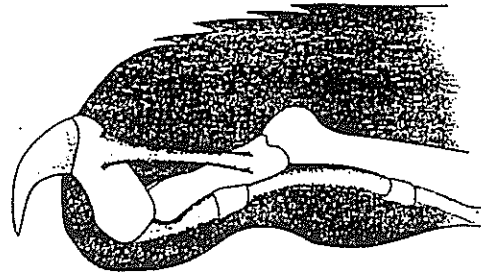
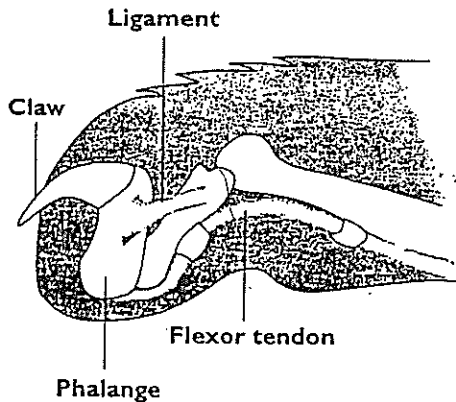
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RUSTY-SPOTTED CAT

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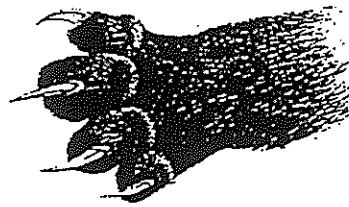
PROTRACTABLE CLAWS

FELINE CLAWS ARE PROTRACTABLE AND RETRACTABLE.



**RETRACTED
(SHEATHED/AT REST)**

PROTRACTED/EXTENDED



Cats' claws grow from the ends of each outermost toe bone. An intricate system of elastic ligaments and muscles allows the claws to remain sheathed under a fold of skin most of the time. Thus, the cat can move silently without catching its claws. When the claws are needed for hunting, defense, climbing, raking litter/earth, and countless other tasks, the muscles on the toes rotate the toe bones forward. This action pushes out the claws. Ultimately the claws return to their resting or retracted positions.