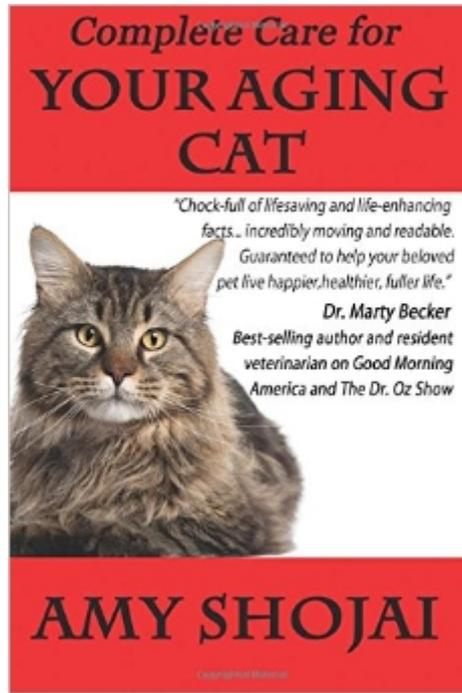


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# Complete Care For Your Aging Cat



## Synopsis

UPDATED! Filled with heartwarming chicken soup -like stories, and the latest developments in veterinary care advice for cats health care for old cats, this is the definitive guide for keeping senior cats vital, happy, and active throughout their golden years. You'll learn: How long do cats live and how cats age Normal aging changes for cats Warning signs to get cats veterinarian help Over the counter medications for cats How-to nursing care for cats: pilling cats, administering fluid therapy & more Ways to increase old cat exercise and how to exercise cats minds Choosing cat food for old cats How to get cats to eat Symptoms & treatments for: arthritis, blind cats, brain tumors, cat cancer, deaf cats, cat dental problems, cat diabetes, cat heart disease, cat hyperthyroidism, cat kidney problems, cat liver disease, cat obesity, cat senility, cat stroke Certified cat behavior expert Amy Shojai includes an encyclopedia of comprehensive cat reference material from her own experience and interviews with over 100 veterinary experts. The A-to-Z list of cat health conditions common to old cats lists medical symptoms, veterinary treatment and research, understanding cat quality of life and making death decisions (and helping children understand pet loss), and home care tips to save money when caring for aging cats. Categories include: health care for cats, home remedies for cats, nursing care for cats, grieving the loss of a pet, putting a pet to sleep, cats guide, cats health

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## Customer Reviews

I highly recommend this wonderful book for owners of adult cats of any age. The information is very well presented, complete, and useful to any cat owner. I would definitely recommend that a cat owner have this knowledge BEFORE their cat is old so they can be informed and prepared what to look for in their cat and get proper supportive care before the cat is too ill. I also think it's fascinating

to know that there are certain conditions found in specific breeds. This would help anyone who would want to acquire a cat in the future to be informed about everything they would need to know about the breed they're considering. Huge kudos to Amy Shojai for writing "Caring For Your Aging Cat." Laura Speirs  
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Cats are living longer and there's more advanced care available for them. This book clearly talks about all the issues related to the older cat. It has something for everyone in that it gives details about complicated information (such as cellular aging) which will be read with interest by those who have some knowledge about cats....but it also explains things in simpler language for the lay-person. This book is a must read for all people who cherish their cats and want to make their cats' golden years more comfortable.

Amy Shojai has written perhaps her best work with this book--a touching, caring, hopeful tribute to the aging pet. We who are pet lovers have to face that there will be an end to our beloved pets' lives, but Shojai's book combines practical advice and emotional support to help ensure your aging cat lives out the rest of her days in comfort and happiness. Including chapters on nutrition, exercise, play, and that last sad choice we are sometimes forced to make--euthanasia--Complete Care for Your Aging Cat is a vital addition to any pet lover's bookshelf. Amy Shojai is an author with a heart, as well as a brain. Her books reflect her love and passion for the animals in our lives, while giving us the advice we need to keep them healthy and happy.

Cats are living longer than ever before. More cats are being kept exclusively indoors, thus avoiding many of the health risks encountered by outdoor cats. More and more cat owners are understanding the importance of a healthy, species-appropriate diet as a foundation for good health. Advances in veterinary medicine now allow cat owners to pursue sophisticated treatments for diseases that would have been a death sentence in the past. But older cats (most commonly defined as cats age seven and older) have special needs when it comes to maintaining their health. Amy Shojai's Complete Care for Your Aging Cat was first published in 2003 and quickly became the "old cat bible." However, seven years is a long time when you're talking about health related topics. This newly released edition has been updated to reflect changes in veterinary medicine and includes a wealth of resources about treatment options, products and research, complete with links to websites when appropriate. The e-book version of the book includes hotlinks to relevant information. This book is an invaluable resource for cat owners. Shojai covers basic

information on how age affects your cat's body in great detail. She explains how to look for changes that might signal health problems in older cats (for an excerpt, read Amy's guest post [Caring for Your Older Cat](#)). She discusses home nursing care to help older cats through various health issues, and presents advanced care options and how to make informed choices, including a section on making end of life decisions which is presented with great sensitivity, yet covers all the facts a cat owner needs to know when faced with this difficult choice. The most valuable section of the book is the extensive and comprehensive listing of feline health conditions, ranging from arthritis to heart disease to kidney failures. Each section provides information on symptoms, reducing risk, and treatment options. I read a lot of cat health books, and I have yet to find another one that is as well organized and easy to use as a reference guide as this one. But it's not all hard facts and information. Each section of the book contains a "Golden Moments" segment, which contains heartwarming stories of real cat owners who share their lives with older cats and are continuing to enjoy life while dealing with typical issues common for senior cats. These touching, and often inspirational stories make this book more than just a reference guide. I loved almost everything about this book. The one area that didn't resonate with me was the author's take on nutrition. Pet nutrition is a controversial subject. While the material is as well-researched and well-documented as the rest of the book, Shojai's recommendations focus on senior diets and prescription diets. I've written extensively about feline nutrition on my blog, ["The Conscious Cat"](#), and won't belabor the issue here. You can read more about why I don't believe these diets are the best choice for cats of any age there ([...]). Even though I disagree with the author's recommendations in this one area, I nevertheless highly recommend this book to all cat owners, regardless of how old your cat may be. This is a must read for anyone who wants to keep their cats happy and healthy well into their golden years.

I share a home with two aging cats that I adore and this book is a treasure of information. If you love your cats you'll want to keep this book handy. Sometimes it's not easy to read because there are issues we'd rather not think of -but- we have to and it's best to be informed. Kitties deserve to have smart humans.

You have your cat. You love your cat. You are concerned about the health of your cat and want to be on the lookout for changes as your cat ages. This book is the one for you. Clear, concise, and well organized. Not only are symptoms noted, approaches to treatment are suggested, and vet diagnosis.

I bought this book about eight years ago before my cats were even close to being seniors, and I'm glad I did. It gave me important information about senior cat health and behavior, how to recognize signs of illness, and how to take care of the special needs cats develop as they age. But this book is not just a reference guide -- it's full of touching "golden moments" stories about people and their elderly cats. Well-written, well-organized, instructive and entertaining, this book is a must-have for any cat owner -- no matter what age your cat is. (This book is also available in Kindle format.)

I've been a cat lover since a very young child. I've had cats grow from kitty-babies to ten years old or older. However, Funny Face is the first to reach his "advanced" age, nearly 15. Amy's book helps me better understand what my cat is enduring and how better to help him adjust. He was more kittenish in actions than old-man cat until the past six months, but now we're both adapting to old age together. Complete Care for Your Aging Cat helps me care for him. It's a "must" for cat lovers and owners.

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