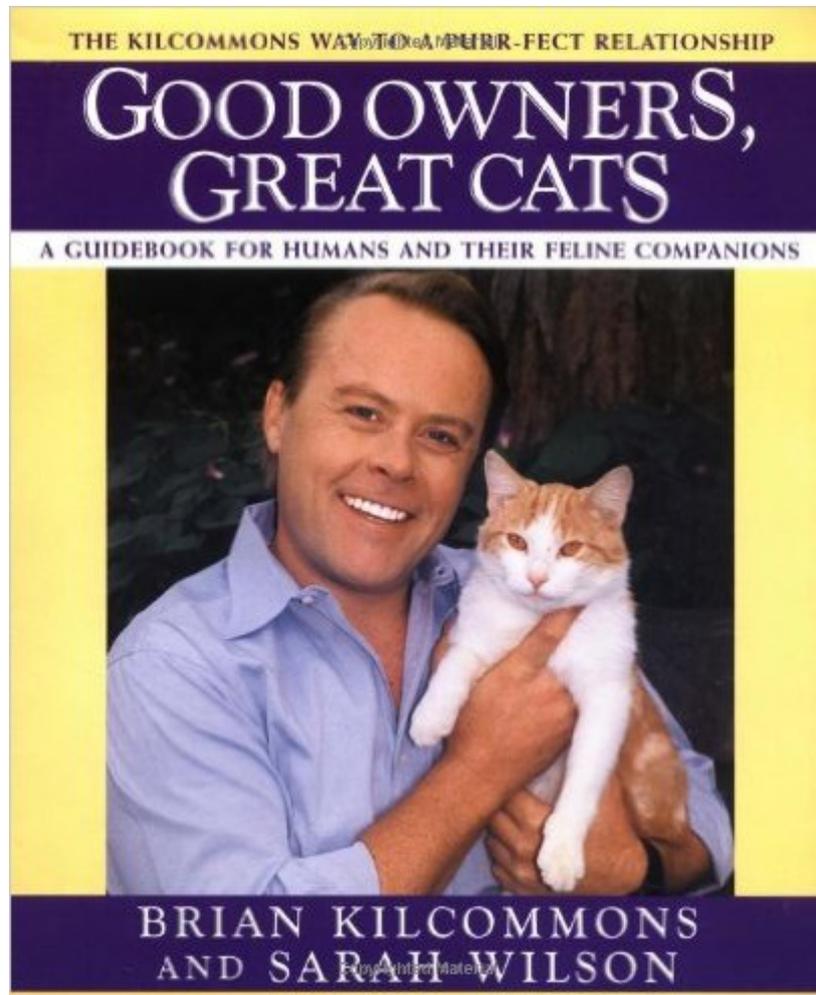


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# Good Owners, Great Cats



## Synopsis

In this definitive guide, the authors show owners how to keep their felines happy, healthy and well-behaved. From the basics of cat care to understanding their complex body language and vocalizations, they provide in-depth information on kittenhood and the adult cat, solid advice on feline problems and proven techniques for modifying behavior.

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## Customer Reviews

I first saw Brian Kilcommons on the late lamented "Pet News" program on Fox News Channel. He is an obvious lover of animals in general but also has a vast knowledge of pet behavior and understanding of how to raise pets for maximum enjoyment, not only for us, their owners, but for the pets themselves. Mr. Kilcommons very obviously is owned by several cats! He is an astute observer of their behaviors but does admit to being puzzled by them from time to time. His affection for felines is the overwhelming theme of this book. You will find everything you need to know about your cat in this book. From choosing a kitten to litter box training to the psychology of cat behavior, it is all here, explained in simple to understand language, and with humor sprinkled throughout. Mr. Kilcommons also includes a section on making your cats' natural behaviors and quirks into "tricks" they can perform! You will find the answers to many of your questions as to why your cat makes that certain expression, why they wake you at 3am, and why out of 10 people in a room, they will go to the one who likes cats the least. You will also find first aid information, vaccination recommendations, and a wealth of cat health facts. I am owned by 2 cats and find myself referring to this book again and again. Whenever I need a question answered, I find the answer in this book. It is like having a personal advisor! I recommend this book highly if you are even thinking about getting a cat.

This is a fabulous book! I had a good cat to start, but I wanted to understand her better. Brian and Sarah's book helped me understand what my cat was trying to tell me with her body language. Consequently, my cat has become more outgoing when people come over. In addition, this book was the main reason I was able to keep the peace when I brought a new dog home. I read some other animal training books, and this book manages to cover the core of what you really need to know about cats better than the rest. I liked it so much, I also purchased Good Owners, Great Dogs - which is also the best in its field.

I am a brand new cat owner and so I checked out 3 books from the local library, this being one of them. In reading each of the books, I realized that "Good Owners, Great Cats," almost always had the best, most common-sense advice written in a very "no holds barred" way. Kilcommons doesn't mince words and he's very opinionated, but his opinions seem to be right on the mark. I've only owned dogs in the past, and without reading this book I think that I would be clueless in how to train/discipline a cat. In the few short weeks that I've had the cat and the book (which I've purchased) I've used its hints and advice innumerable times.

This was a good book, however, I was looking for more solutions to behavioral problems (especially play-biting) than this book gave you. It mostly talked about why your cat might do a certain action, and not a lot of solutions as to how to change your cat's bad behavior. It kept suggesting that you get two cats which might not be an option for some people.

I read this book a couple years ago, but the lessons and insights into how a cat thinks and how that affects behavior were invaluable and unforgettable! It's written so humorously that it's a pleasure to read. Don't give up on your cat! This book teaches you that they aren't doing it to irritate you, they have a reasonable reason (from a cat's perspective) for their actions, and if you know what that is you can work with it and enjoy your pet more than ever!

I absolutely loved this book! The writer had me cracking up with laughter throughout, his style and verbiage is wonderful and his expertise and love for the animals shows on every page. (In fact, his ending tribute to a departed cat of his had me misty-eyed!) I will be recommending this to all my cat-owned family and friends. An all-around great book and definitely a must-buy for those of us perplexed by our feline friends or wanting ways to better bond with them. I have two indoor-only cats

and this book is invaluable to understanding and living with them, wish I had gotten it years ago. If possible, it makes me love my cats all the more and has put into words many things I was experiencing with one rather demanding feline child. If/when we get a dog I will sure be getting the "Good Owners, Great Dogs" book as well.

A very clearly written book packed with informative and caring advice. The troubleshooting section is great-- this book has helped me work out aggression and trash-raiding problems with my cat with a minimum of anguish for both of us.

I never realize how much more I could be doing with my cat until I read this book. It also showed my how to take better care of my cat's needs and understand what it was that he really wanted.

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