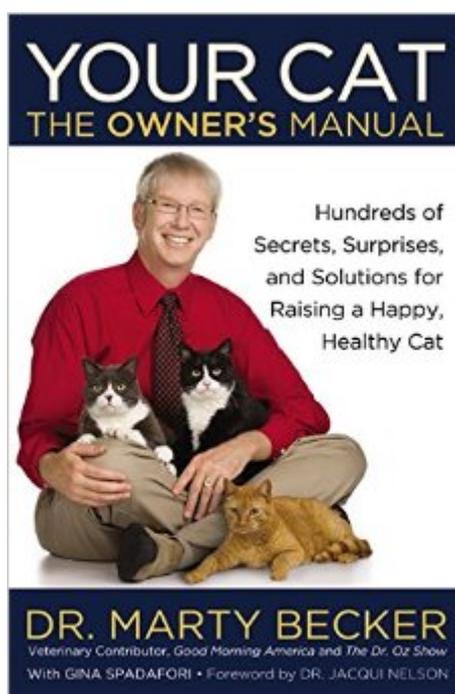


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# Your Cat: The Owner's Manual: Hundreds Of Secrets, Surprises, And Solutions For Raising A Happy, Healthy Cat



## Synopsis

Dr. Marty Becker has become known as "America's Veterinarian" because of his educational and entertaining shows and columns. For more than ten years, Dr. Becker has been the popular veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's Good Morning America and is now a member of Core Team Oz on Dr. Mehmet Oz's show. Dr. Becker will help owners solve problems and enhance their bond with their cats through a tip-filled book on everything from finding the right cat to preventing health problems and bad behavior. He will start owners off on the right foot, whether they buy a kitten or adopt an older cat, showing them how to solve the most annoying behavior and cat-care problems--from scratching furniture to not using the litter-box. (Surprising fact: did you know that black cats shed more than light-colored cats?) And he advises owners how to make their own cat toys, and how to save money on medication, both traditional and alternative.

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## Customer Reviews

Many books on cat care are boring. This one is not. With personality and flair, Dr. Becker offers sound advice for all things kitty. Yes, he includes the basics you may already know. But throughout the book he gives fantastic little tips, tricks and insights you may not have considered before. I picked up all kinds of useful nuggets of info and you will too!

I've spent almost three decades either caring for cats, working with cats, or writing about cats. I spend a good part of each day educating myself about the latest in cat health and cat care. When it comes to cats, I love to learn - but I don't expect to see much I haven't read or heard about before in a basic cat care book. [Your Cat: The Owner's Manual: Hundreds of Secrets, Surprises, and](#)

Solutions for Raising a Happy, Healthy Cat is not just another basic cat care book. Written by America's veterinarian, Dr. Marty Becker, the veterinary contributor to ABC's Good Morning America and The Dr. Oz Show, and his writing partner, Gina Spadafori, a veteran journalist who has been writing about pet care for decades, this book stands out. I had the good fortune of meeting Dr. Becker at a veterinary convention in the late 90's/early 2000's. I'm sure Dr. Becker doesn't remember meeting me, but I will always remember his lecture from that convention. Even though I don't remember what it was about, I do remember that it stood out from all the other lectures because of the enthusiasm Dr. Becker brings to his work as a veterinarian, his dedication to the human animal bond, and his passion for sharing his knowledge about pets with others so their lives, and the lives of their pets, can be richer for it. This passion comes through in every page of the book. From how to select a cat or kitten (or what to do when one selects you) to how to keep your cat happy and healthy throughout her life by providing proper nutrition, health care, environmental stimulation, and even training, the book covers all aspects of cat care. Dr. Becker addresses a few topics I have not seen in other cat care books. "Financial Planning for Pet Care" covers pet insurance, setting up a dedicated savings account for pet care, explains why veterinary care costs what it does, and offers money saving tips that won't compromise your cat's health. "In Sickness and in Health" includes everything from finding the right veterinarian for your cat and getting the best medical care to what to do in an emergency. The book is written in a highly engaging and entertaining style, sprinkled with a dose of humor, which makes for a thoroughly enjoyable reading experience. I highly recommend this book for new and veteran cat guardians. If you're only going to get one cat care guide, this is the one to get.

I didn't get much new out of this having had cats most of my life. Someone recommended it to me saying there was all kinds of new information in it, but it was mostly the basics as far as I could tell. If you're new to having a cat, this is great, but if you've had cats for years you might not find much new information in here. I donated to our local cat shelter to give away to someone adopting a cat for the first time.

I bought this book after hearing a radio interview with Dr. Marty Becker and I'm glad I did. I thoroughly enjoyed it and recommend it to all cat lovers everywhere. :)

This book has absolutely EVERYTHING one would want to be aware of either before acquiring a kitty, else if you already have one and have some issues. I've learned a lot and I have had cats all

my life! Great book!! Excellent vet!

As a new kitten owner, I wanted a good go-to resource book. This is it! It's a very informative and helpful book. Dr. Marty Becker, writes in a way, that anyone can understand. I highly recommend!

Being a cat owner for as long as I can remember, I always want to make sure I stay on top of not only their care, but their well-being too. I want to make sure that I am doing all I can to make sure that they have the best life possible. Now that we live in our home, we've adopted 4 cats from our local shelters and can say it's always a learning experience with them since each of their personalities are unique and as individual as you are. When I got the opportunity to review *Your Cat: The Owner's Manual*, by Dr. Marty Becker, the resident veterinarian from the Dr. Oz show, I knew I wanted to check this one out to see if I was missing anything and boy did I find some interesting things your cat magazines and websites won't tell you. This book contains almost everything you need to know if you are a cat owner or considering purchasing one soon, from choosing the right cat or kitten for your family, preventing health problems, solving what to do with regards to scratching furniture or using the litter box and saving money on medication and treatments both traditional and alternative as well as which pet products really work. Here is just a sampling of what I learned from this wonderful book; did you know that garlic and onions are toxic to cats? They can lead to anemia in your feline and is great to know when you consider giving them real food as an alternative to canned or dry pet foods. I also learned that despite claims that laser pointers make great cat toys, it can actually stress them out because they can never "get" the light. There is no reward once it's caught. Another thing is my cat's fascination to drinking from our sinks or showers and found that you can purchase a cat fountain from your local retailer that generates an interest in them drinking more water which is actually healthier for them than simply drinking out of a bowl. I received *Your Cat: The Owner's Manual* by Dr. Marty Becker compliments of Grand Central Publishing for my honest opinion and have to say, if you own a cat or are thinking of getting one, please pick this up. There is so much information for even a seasoned cat owner to take away from this book, that if you want to give your cats the very best this is a MUST HAVE! For that reason I rate this one a 5 out of 5 stars and now look forward to all the different ways our cats "talk" to us that I never knew before!

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