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**Editorial** 

Cat behavior is scientifically fascinating. Wild felines exist in a diverse range of

environments and niches around the world, embody a rich array of morphologies and

represent a wide range of social systems. In some countries cats outnumber domestic

dogs as pets, for example, in the United States there are more than 94 million cats living

as pets in human homes compared to just under 90 million domestic dogs (APPA,

2017) On a global scale, roughly 600 million domestic cats live with and around humans

(Driscoll, Clutton-Brock, Kitchener, & O'Brien, 2009).

Historically, the majority of cat cognition research has focused on the

development of sensory systems and stimuli perception, with cats often serving as a

model species for human sensory systems. More recently, researchers have begun to

broaden the scope of cat cognition research, with studies focusing on a variety of topics

including object permanence, working memory, physical causality, quantity

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