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Abstract and Highlights

A review of the research literature over the last three decades on cat-human and human-cat interactions and relationships is presented. The main topics covered are:

- Socialization and sensitive phase
- Other factors affecting the first cat to human relationship
- The ethology of cat-human interactions
- Combining ethological observations with subjective (psychological) assessments of cat personality traits
- Cat and cat-human communication
- Cat personalities and cat-owner personalities
- Breed differences
- Effects of cats on humans
- Problems caused by cats

Key words

Cat-human relationships, ethology, socialization, personality, communication

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