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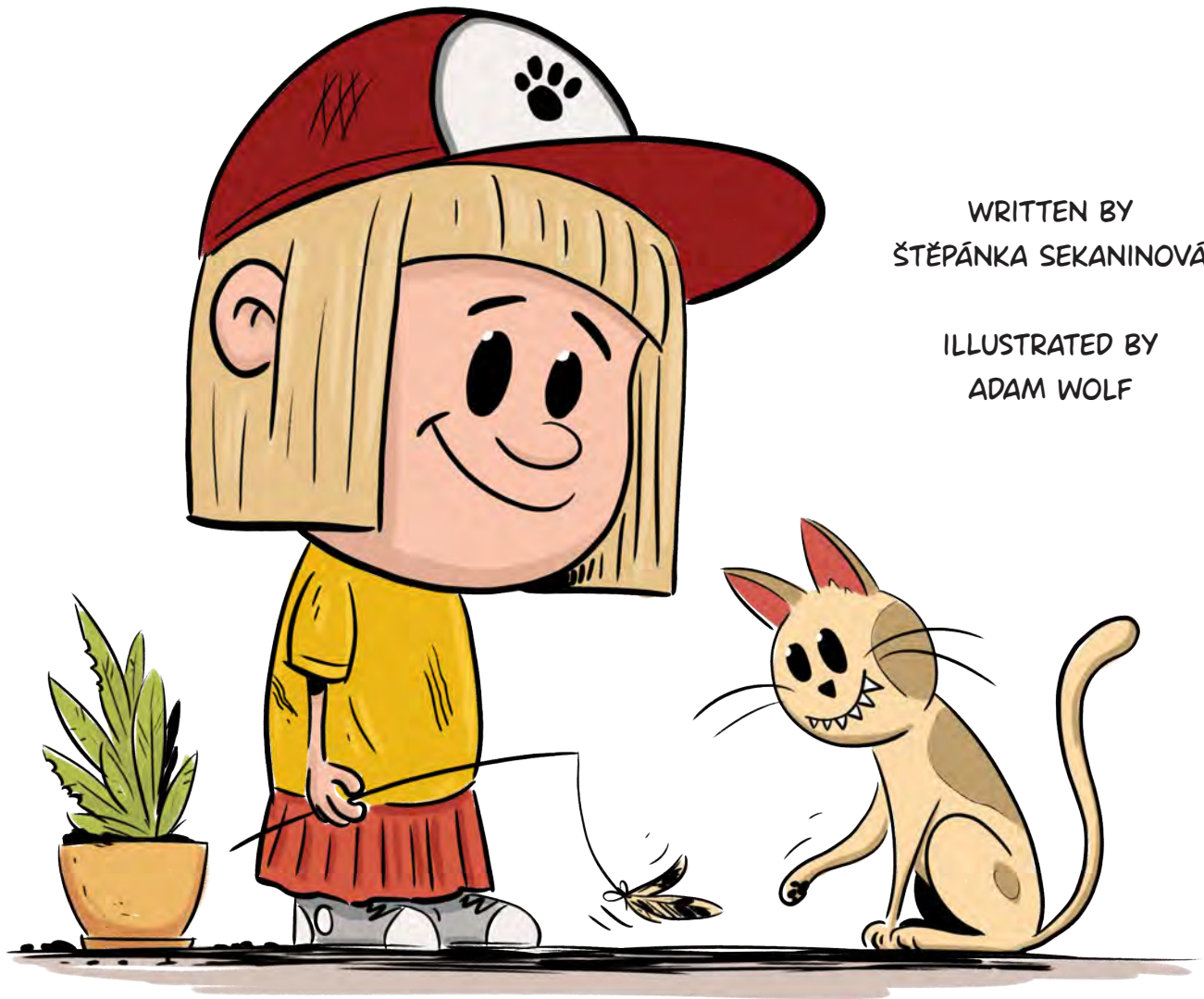
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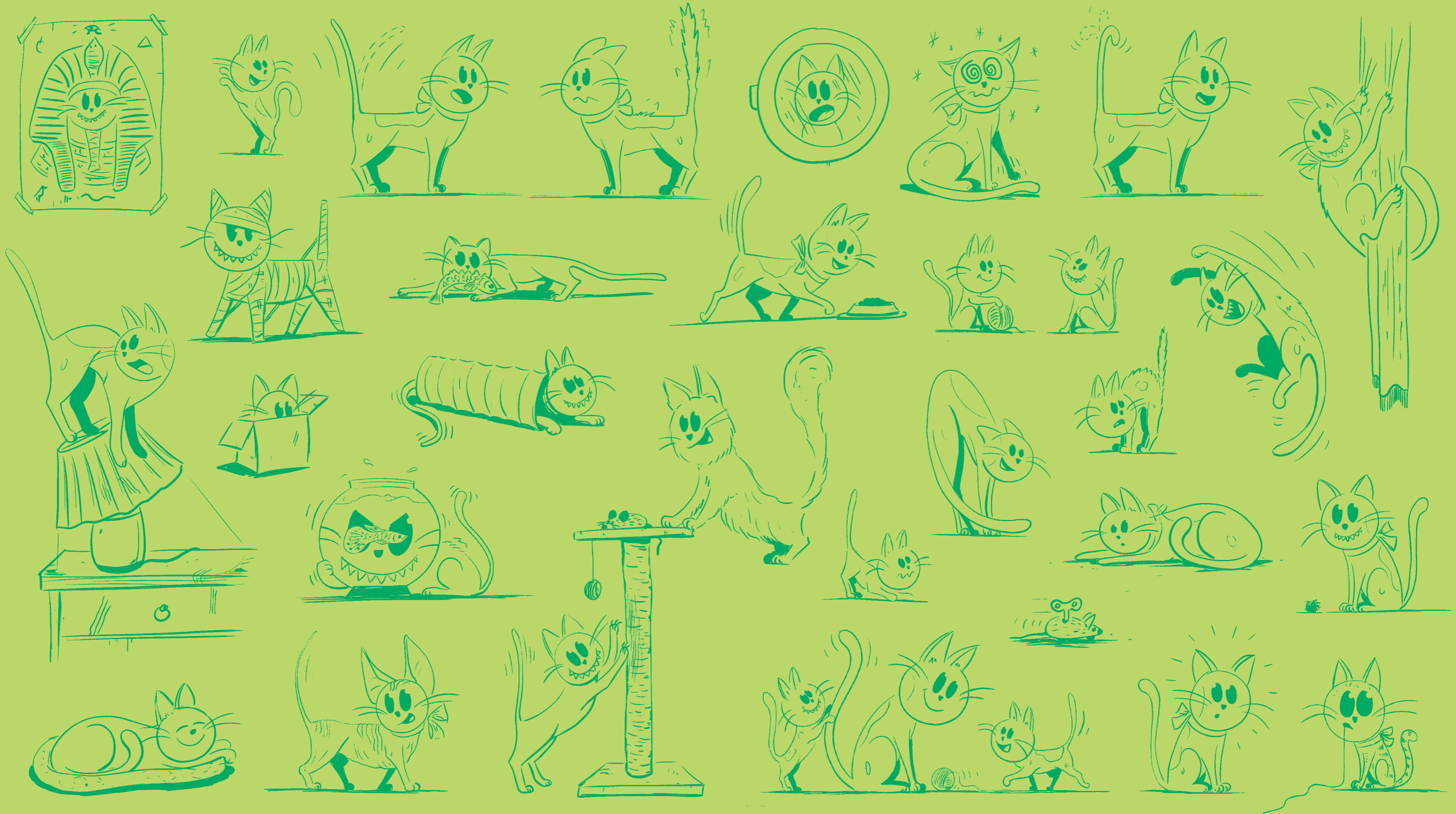
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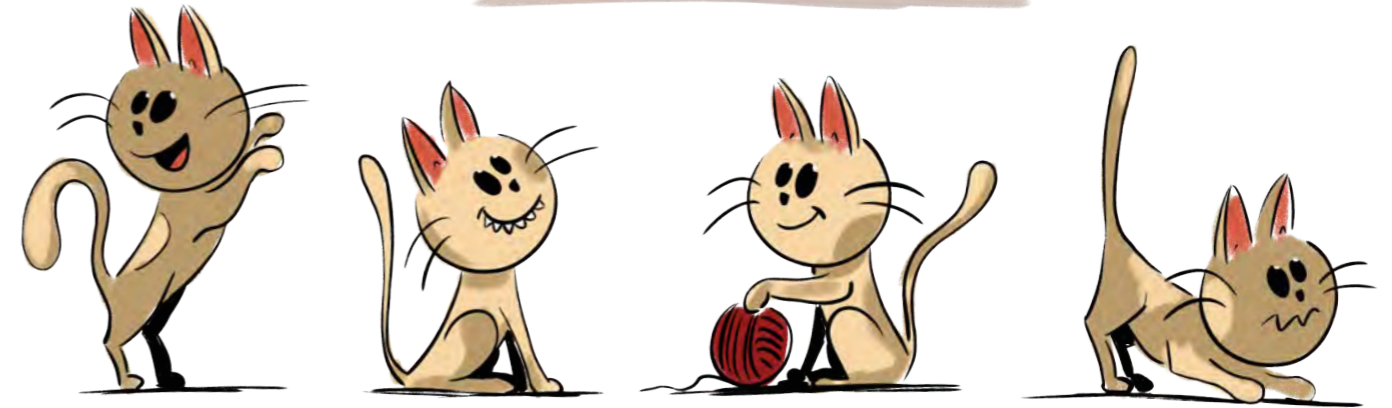
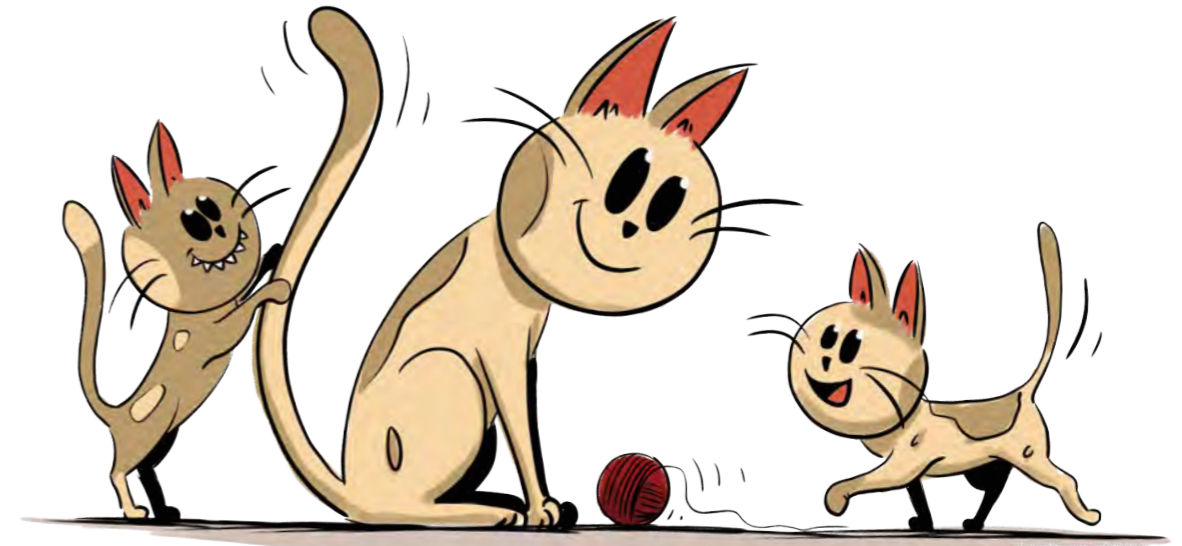
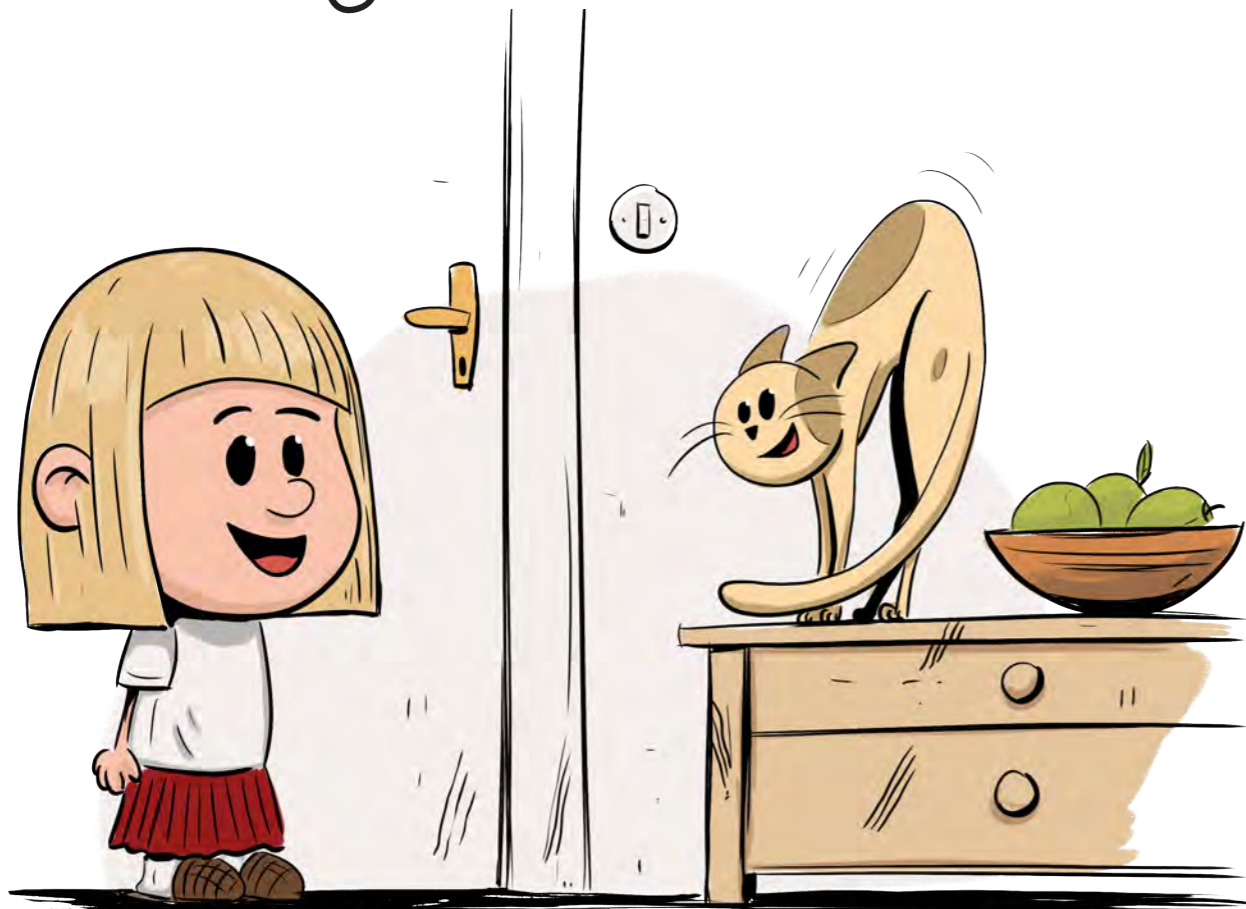


DO YOU HEAR THAT MEOWING?

IT HAPPENED! WE NOW HAVE A PET CAT!

WOW, A TINY LITTLE KITTEN! NEVER AGAIN WILL LIFE BE BORING! HEY, KITTY, WHERE DID YOU GO? SHE JUST LOVES PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK. LOOK, THERE SHE IS! SHE'S FALLEN ASLEEP CURLED UP IN A SHOE. SHE SLEEPS A LOT, ACTUALLY, SOMETIMES ALL DAY LONG.

Here, Kitty Kitty
Come on let's play



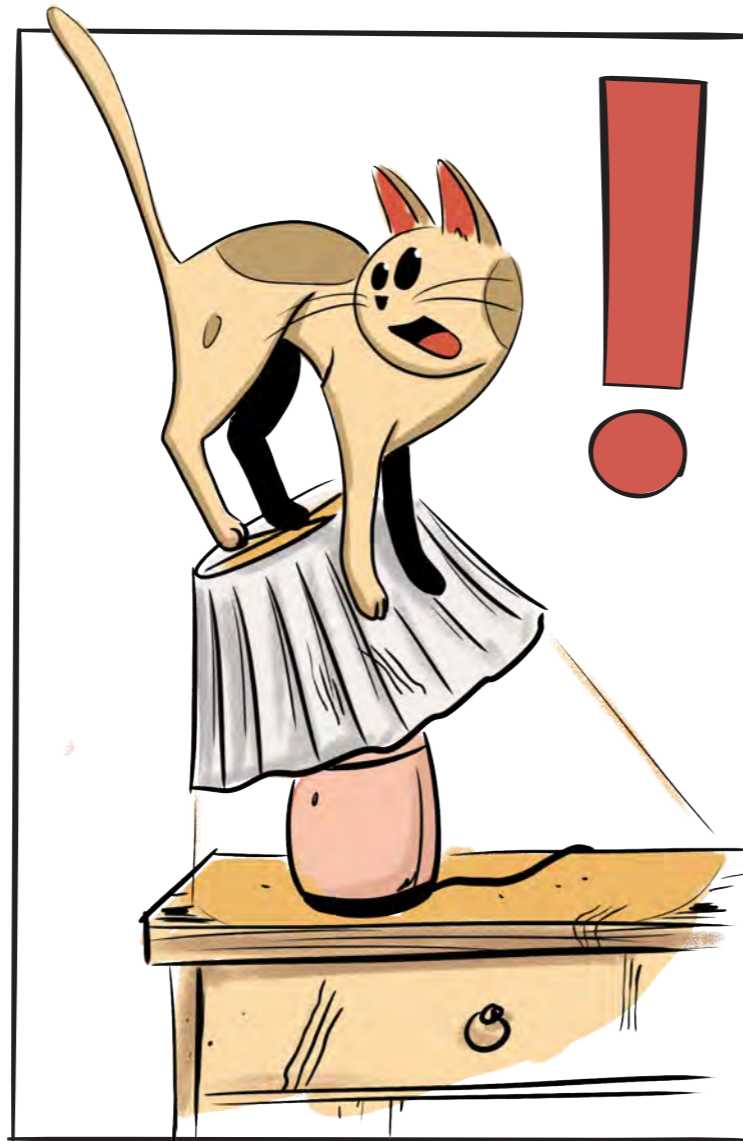
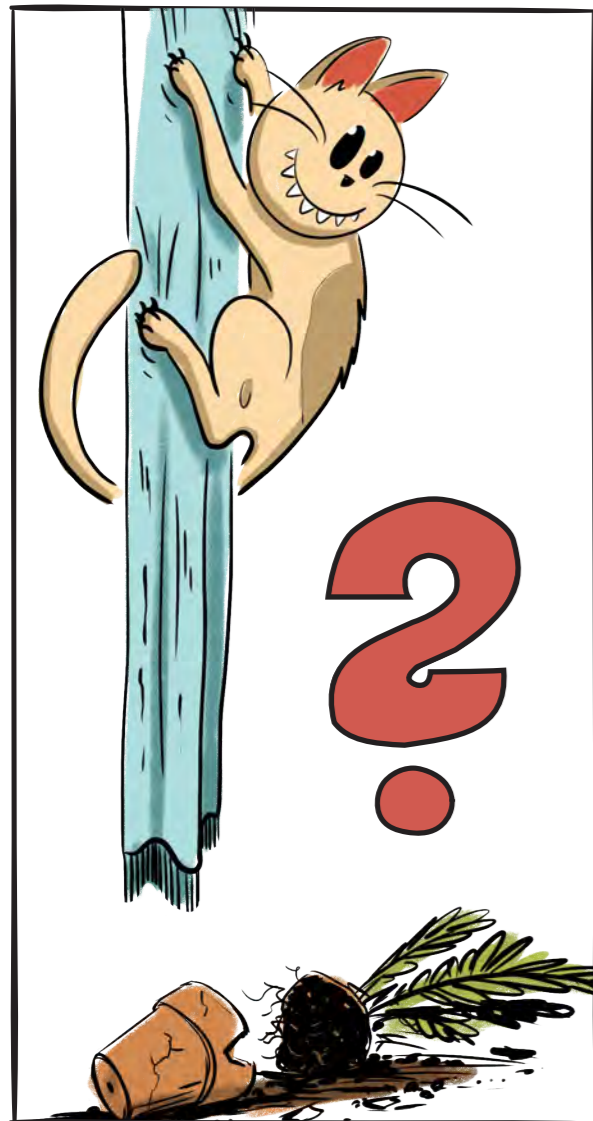
KITTENS NEED TO STAY WITH THEIR MAMA FOR A FEW MONTHS TO GET STRONG AND HEALTHY. THE MOTHER'S MILK GIVES THEM THE NUTRIENTS THEY NEED TO GROW BIG AND STRONG. THE MAMA TEACHES THEM ALL THE THINGS THEY NEED TO KNOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL KITTY, LIKE HOW TO CATCH MICE. IF THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR MAMA TOO SOON, THEY WON'T BE VERY HAPPY.

A KITTEN SHOULD NOT LEAVE HOME FOR A NEW PLACE UNTIL THEY ARE AT LEAST 84 DAYS OLD.

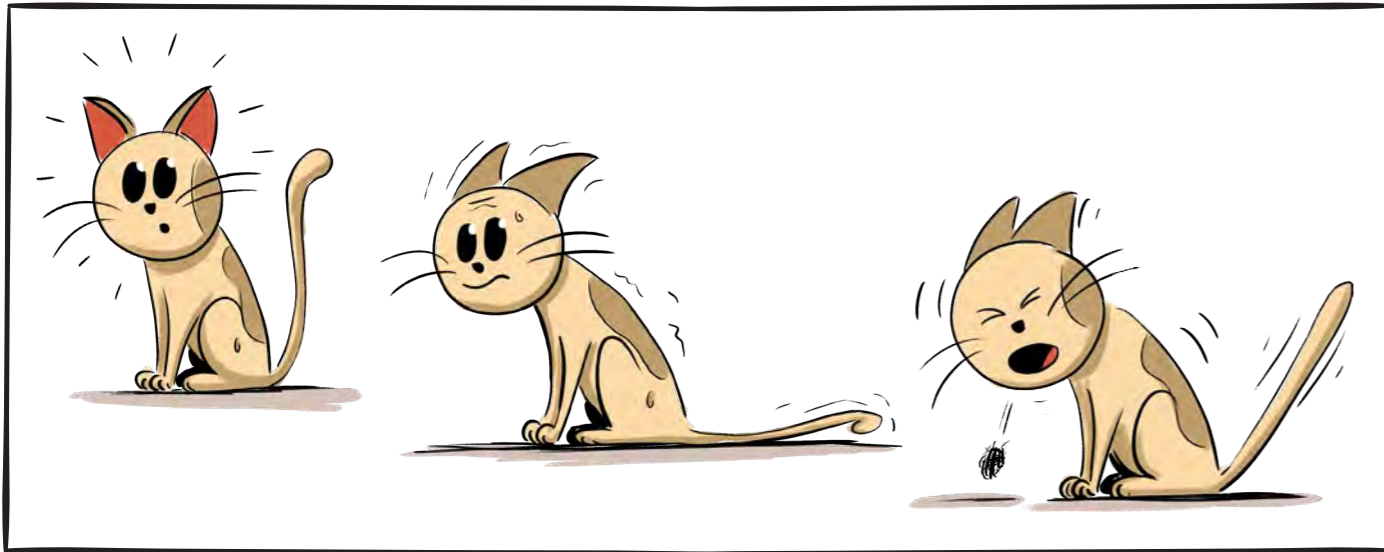
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A CAT, BUT . . .

THE CAT USES OUR APARTMENT AS AN AMUSEMENT PARK, WHICH FOR SOME REASON DOESN'T AMUSE MOM.

OH NO! SHE'S CLIMBING THE NEW CURTAINS, RIPPING THEM TO PIECES! AND WHEN SHE HOPS FROM TABLE TO TABLE, SHE KNOCKS DOWN EVERYTHING IN HER WAY. NOT TOO LONG AGO, SHE ALMOST KNOCKED OVER OUR COMPUTER!



WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THERE'S NO SIMPLE ANSWER. LET'S MAKE HER AN AWESOME OBSTACLE COURSE TO KEEP HER AWAY FROM THE CABINETS, TABLES, AND SHELVES. WE SHOULD ALSO MOVE ANYTHING THAT COULD BREAK, LIKE VASES, FIGURINES, AND CUPS. PROBLEM SOLVED!

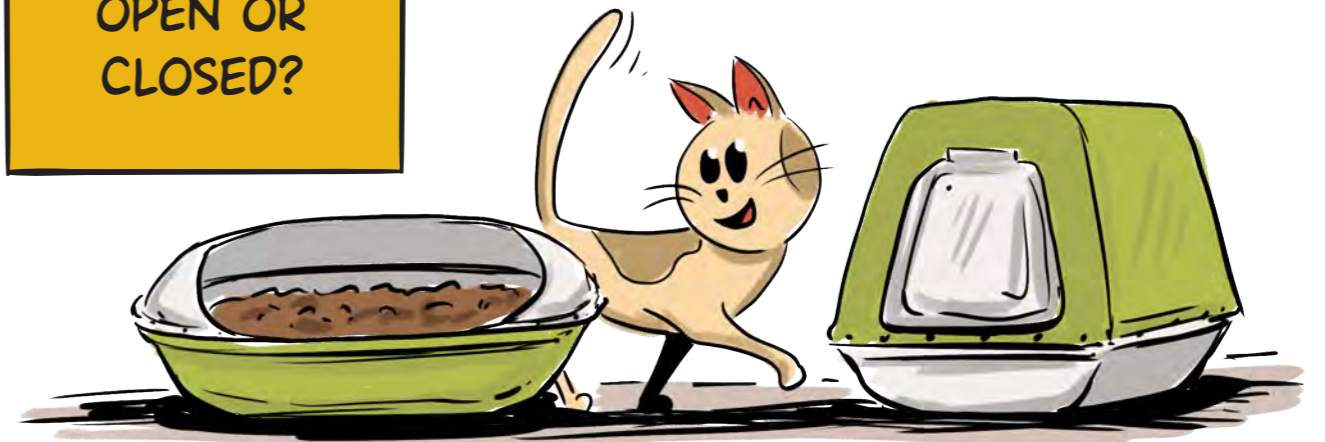


LOOK OUT! DON'T SIT ON OUR LOVELY NEW COUCH! THE CAT LEFT SOMETHING GROSS THERE. A HAIRBALL - YUCK! THAT'S WHAT CATS MAKE FROM LICKING THEIR FUR, AND THEY ALWAYS PUT THEM IN THE WORST PLACES - NOT THAT THERE ARE ANY GOOD PLACES. ALL WE CAN DO IS GET USED TO IT, I GUESS . . .



CATS ARE VERY CLEAN. THEY CAN LEARN TO USE THE LITTER BOX, A SPECIAL TRAY FILLED WITH KITTY LITTER (SANDY STUFF THAT TAKES AWAY THE BAD SMELL). THE TRAY SHOULD BE PUT IN A CORNER SO THAT YOUR CAT CAN HAVE SOME PRIVACY. IT NEEDS TO BE BIG ENOUGH AND HIGH ENOUGH, OR ELSE THE LITTER COULD END UP EVERYWHERE!

OPEN OR CLOSED?



OF COURSE, YOUR CAT'S LITTER BOX MUST BE CLEANED OUT AND FILLED WITH FRESH LITTER REGULARLY.

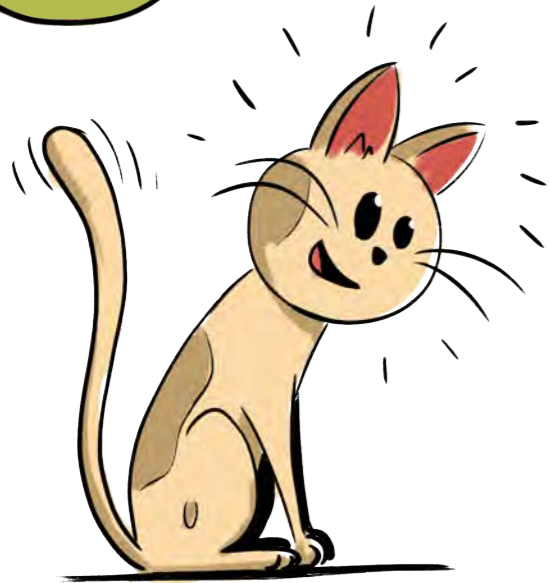
CATS ARE AS NEAT AND TIDY AS THEY ARE SMART. IF YOU START BY SCOOPING UP THEIR POOP AND PUTTING IT IN THEIR LITTER BOX FOR THEM TO SEE, THEY WILL LEARN THE LESSON EVEN FASTER.

THE LITTER BOX SHOULD BE PLACED IN A QUIET PLACE FAR AWAY FROM THE FOOD BOWLS.





FOOD SUITABLE FOR CATS



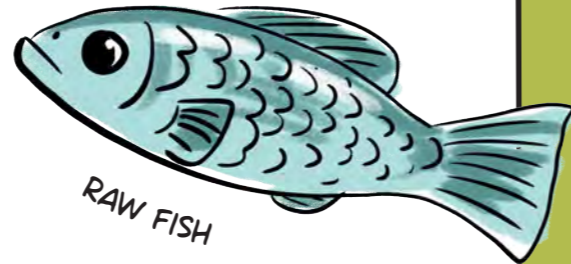
CAT FOOD



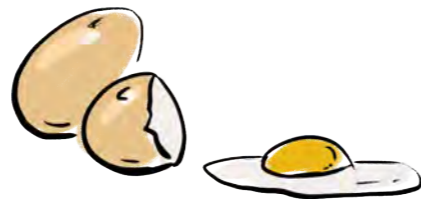
RAW MEAT



FISH OIL



RAW FISH



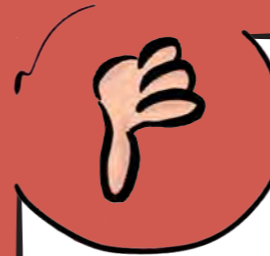
COOKED EGGS



RAW CHICKEN



CANNED CAT FOOD



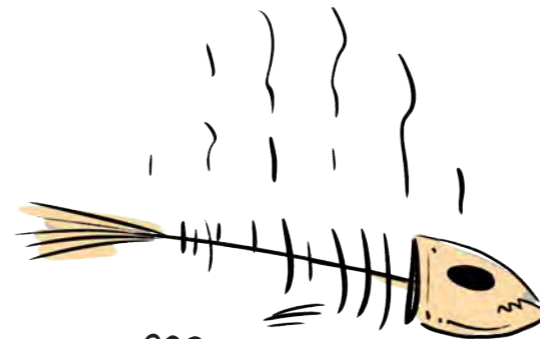
FOOD UNSUITABLE FOR CATS



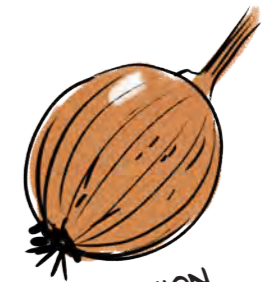
GRAPES



ICED COFFEE



COOKED FISH BONE



ONION



CHOCOLATE



SPOILED FOOD



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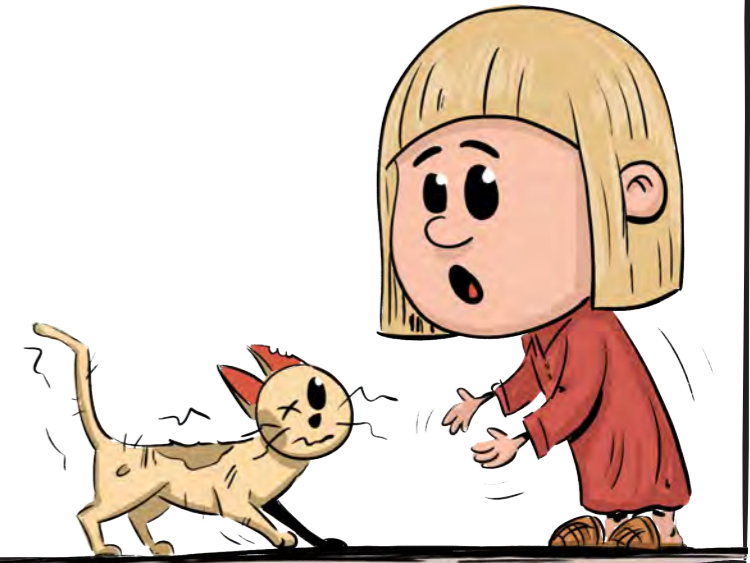
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A CAT, BUT . . .

WHAT IF MY CAT WANDERS AWAY?

THERE WILL BE DAYS WHEN YOUR CAT WILL REFUSE TO STAY INDOORS. TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THEM FOR A SECOND AND THEY'RE GONE!



WHEN CATS BECOME ADULTS, THEY WANT TO HAVE BABIES. THIS SENDS THEM OUTSIDE, WHERE TWO MALE CATS MIGHT FIGHT OVER A FEMALE. THAT FEMALE MIGHT THEN HAVE KITTENS.

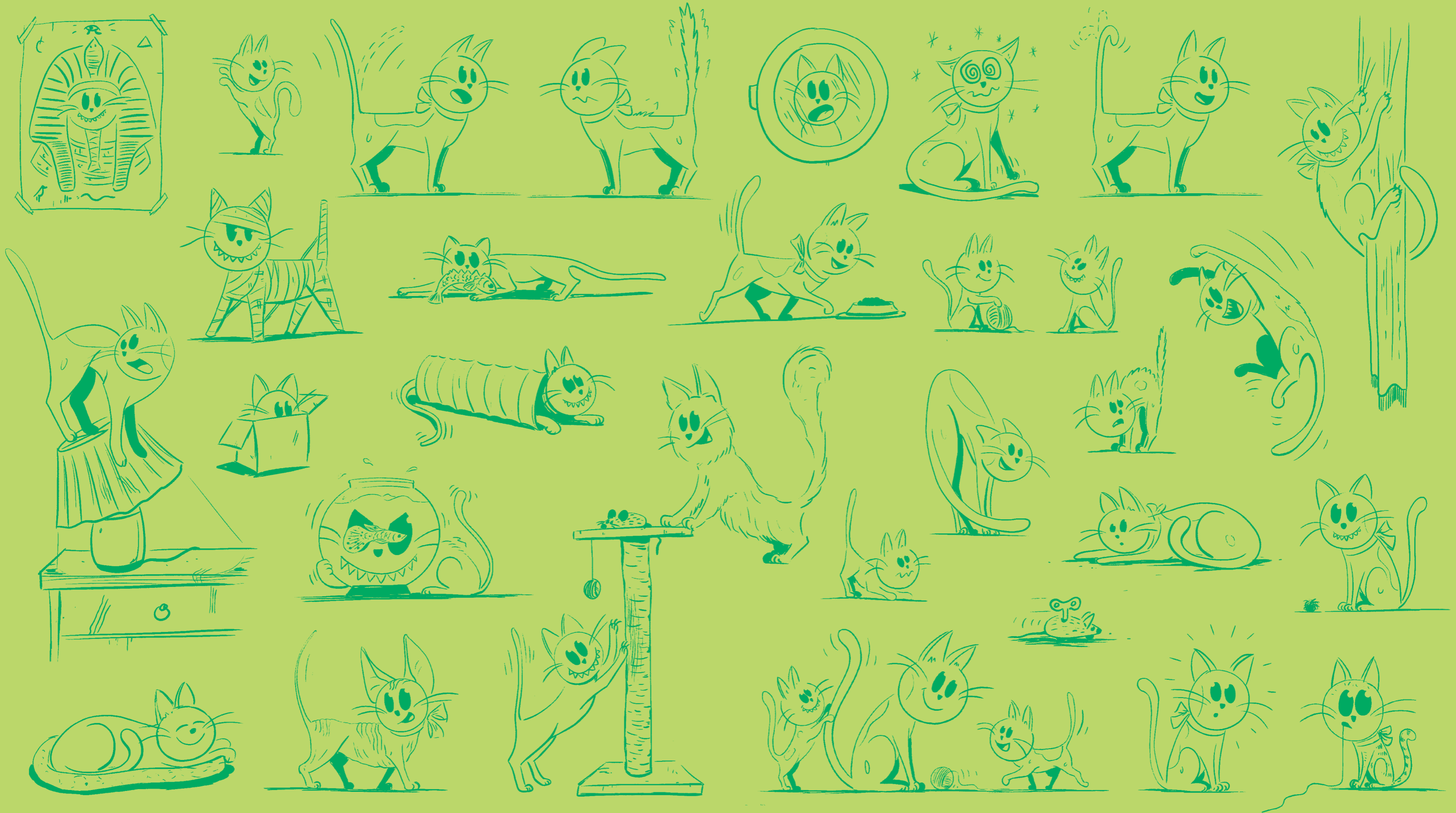


A CAT CAN GIVE BIRTH TO 3 TO 6 KITTENS A FEW TIMES . . . IN ONE YEAR!



WHAT TO DO?

NATURE CAN BE A WILD THING, AND IT'S NOT ALWAYS SOMETHING YOU CAN CONTROL. BUT IF YOU HAVE PET CATS, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO HAVE THEM SPAYED OR NEUTERED, WHICH STOPS THEM FROM HAVING KITTENS BUT WON'T HURT THEM. AFTER THE SURGERY, YOUR CATS WILL BE MUCH CALMER AND LESS LIKELY TO GET INTO TROUBLE.

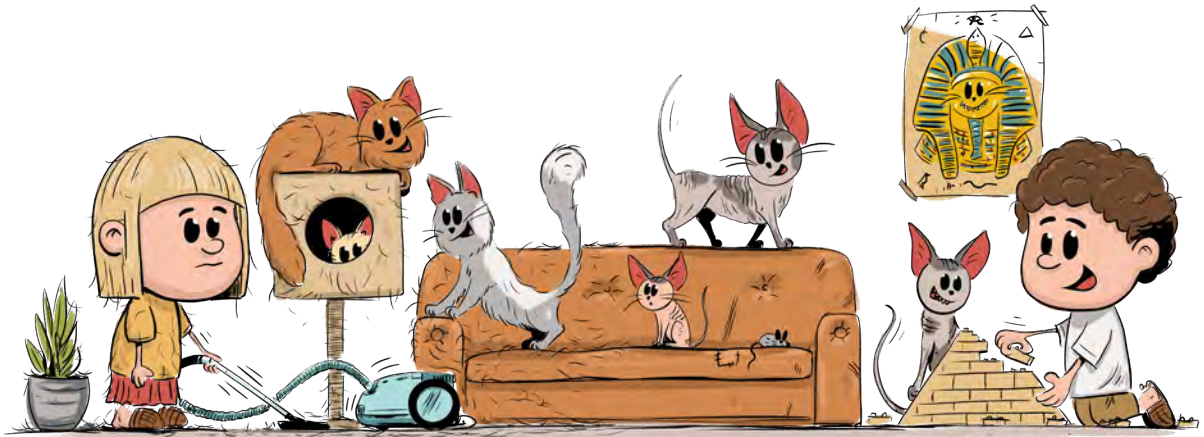


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MOST KIDS WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A SWEET LITTLE CAT COMPANION.
BUT A CAT IS A LIVING CREATURE IN NEED OF CAREFUL HANDLING,
AND THEY CAN ALSO GIVE US HUMANS PLENTY OF PROBLEMS.
THIS BOOK SHOWS THE UPS AND DOWNS OF OWNING A CAT.
BUT REST ASSURED, THE JOY FAR OUTWEIGHS THE HASSLES.
SO IF YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO LEARN ABOUT CATS,
THIS BOOK IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO START!



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