

Cat Career Quiz

Which feline-centered job is best for you?

By Kristin Grant

They say the best jobs in life are those we love, so why not choose a career involving cats? Record your answer to each question below to find out which feline-centered profession best suits your personality.

1. A small, gray cat wearing a pearl-studded collar approaches you outside. You've never seen this cat before. You immediately:
 - a. Scan the cat's body for any wounds, injuries, or ailments
 - b. Wonder how big the market is for pearl-encrusted collars
 - c. Pick her up and stroke her head to provide a calming presence since she clearly is lost and afraid
 - d. Examine the unusual collar to see how the pearls are bound to the strap
 - e. Go door-to-door to find the owner and explain the importance of keeping tabs on tabby
2. Which of the following would you find most rewarding?
 - a. Impacting a life by curing an illness
 - b. Making a lot of money while doing something you enjoy
 - c. Providing a safe, loving home to another living creature
 - d. Producing an original work of art admired by many
 - e. Influencing public opinion on a certain issue
3. Which of the following best describes your views on obtaining training?
 - a. I love to expand my knowledge as much as possible. Bring it on!
 - b. I'll endure training as long as it eventually pays off in a higher salary!
 - c. I'd rather have a root canal.
 - d. As long as it's training in the arts, I'm in!
 - e. The more I'm trained on important topics, the more people will listen to my views.
4. Your neighbor stops by to tell you great news: He was reunited with his lost cat thanks to an implanted microchip! To you, the most amazing part of the story is:
 - a. The cat did not get hurt while out in the big world.
 - b. The effectiveness of the microchip
 - c. The reunion itself — what a heart-warming occasion!
 - d. The story itself — this should be in writing somewhere!
 - e. That more people don't have microchips implanted in their cats.
5. Which of the following library sections appeals to you most?
 - a. Science
 - b. Business
 - c. Picture books
 - d. Novels
 - e. Nonfiction drama
6. You are invited to a swank party with a highly selective guest list. During dinner, which of the following guests would you most like to sit next to?
 - a. A medical researcher who is on the brink of identifying a gene linked with heart disease
 - b. A private investor known for garnering the high investment returns
 - c. The owner of the cat that won the most recent national cat competition. The cat also is at the party!
 - d. An author with a novel on the bestseller list

- e. An activist whose efforts saved more than 100,000 dolphins from becoming ensnared in fishing nets.
7. The gift of a lifetime for an avid cat-lover would be:
- A lifetime supply of flea-and-tick medicine
 - A gift certificate to a deluxe cat spa for her cat
 - A set of high-quality grooming supplies designed to be gentle and effective on cats
 - A portrait of her cat
 - A donation to a feline rescue league in her name
8. You watch a TV program about a cat trained to navigate a complex obstacle course. The most interesting aspect of the story is:
- How the cat's muscular system allows her body to move in almost unimaginable ways
 - The unique obstacle course: How could the average cat owner get one?
 - The simple beauty of a cat in motion
 - The thought process behind creation of the course
 - Whether the cat in the show was treated humanely during production of the segment
9. In high school, your favorite class was:
- Biology
 - Math
 - Home economics
 - Art
 - Political science
10. Which event would you like most to attend?
- A national science conference at which one presenter is expected to reveal and explain a potential cure for cancer
 - A business meeting involving the merger of the two largest Internet firms
 - A marine mammal exposition at which attendees can work closely with dolphins
 - A tour of the Louvre covering every minute detail of DaVinci's work
 - A rescue mission in Kenya arranged to free a rare ox from a manmade trap
11. Which of the following would you most like to be?
- Knowledgeable
 - Wealthy
 - Loving
 - Talented
 - Heard
12. If you worked on a large farm, your preferred role would be:
- To provide medical care to the animals
 - To run the business side of the farm
 - To groom and care for the animals
 - To design the layout of the farm
 - To be the point-of-contact between the farm and the public
13. Which of the following jobs would you take, if offered all five?
- Surgeon General
 - CEO of a major blue-chip company
 - Groomer for a famous television cat
 - Presidential artist
 - United States Senator
14. You win a \$1,000 shopping spree at a major retailer. You only have four minutes to grab what you can before leaving

the store. Which section would you head to first?

- a. Books
- b. Computers/technology
- c. Pet supplies
- d. Art supplies
- e. None of the above. You're donating your money to a good cause.

15. Which of the following is most important to you when purchasing a car?

- a. The engine
- b. Typical resale value
- c. The feel when driving
- d. The body style
- e. Consumer ratings

16. Which of the following would bring you the most satisfaction?

- a. Saving a life
- b. Making a million dollars
- c. Knowing true love
- d. Inventing something new and useful
- e. Influencing a piece of legislation

17. Which of the following places would you most like to visit on a leisurely afternoon?

- a. A science museum
- b. A chamber of commerce
- c. A petting zoo
- d. An art museum
- e. A nature reserve

18. You would most like to be viewed by others as:

- a. Intelligent
- b. Savvy
- c. Caring
- d. Creative
- e. Powerful

19. You are on a team tasked with designing a new product — a lifelike, mechanical toy cat. Your ideal role on the team would be:

- a. To work on the mechanics of the product
- b. To work on the pricing of the product
- c. To make sure the product is pleasing to the touch
- d. To make sure the product looks as lifelike as possible
- e. To arrange a partnership with a nonprofit agency that would receive a portion of the proceeds in return for advertising

20. Your ideal job would involve:

- a. A high level of expertise
- b. Being your own boss
- c. More interaction with cats than with people
- d. Creating something new
- e. Helping a good cause

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Count up your responses to determine your cat career personality type.

If you answered mostly "a"s then you are Super Scientific.
If you answered mostly "b"s then you are Ever So Entrepreneurial.
If you answered mostly "c"s then you are Happiest Hands-On.
If you answered mostly "d"s then you are a Creative Cat.
If you answered mostly "e"s then you are an Avid Advocate.

Super Scientific: Your thirst for knowledge and superior intellect will not be wasted in these engaging professions:
Veterinarian: Provide healthcare directly to feline friends — the ultimate endeavor for cerebral cat-lovers! Ask CatChannel vet expert Arnold Plotnick, DVM, a question about veterinary medicine [here](#).

Behaviorist: Use your brainpower to help cats rectify adverse behavior and reinforce positive trends. Their owners will surely thank you. [Click here](#) to learn more about a career as a behaviorist.

Researcher: Advancing the well-being of cats through disease research and technological developments is a rewarding undertaking with lasting effects.

Ever So Entrepreneurial: You relish the idea of being your own boss and have a great mind for business. Why not try one of these innovative careers? **Feline boutique owner:** Select only the most unique kitty products to stock the shelves of your quirky cat store and quickly become the talk of the town.

Cat hotel owner: Create a boarding kennel so over-the-top with feline luxuries, such as in-room windows and mini-sofas that it becomes the must-stay boarding facility for cats in your area.

Product developer: Develop a unique product to market to area pet stores, such as homemade kitty treats, a specialty toy, or hand-sewn, customized cat beds.

Happiest Hands-On: You just can't get enough one-on-one time with cats. Consider a profession that provides ample time spent directly with your feline friends. **Groomer:** Set up your own shop, or contact your local pet store about available grooming positions.

Vet technician: Care for cats in a veterinary setting.

Pet store employee: Interact with cats every day — and get paid for it!

Creative Cat: Your creative talents will be put to good use in any of these inspired occupations: **Pet photographer:** capture images of cats at just the perfect angle in this creative endeavor.

Cat writer: Contribute your writing skills to the vast array of feline-centered newsletters, websites, magazines and brochures in need of material. Learn how one man turned his love for a stray cat into a book.

Pet portrait artist: Use your artistic flair to paint portraits of cats, and advertise your business on any number of online auction sites. Many artists obtain digital pet photos via e-mail from which to create the paintings — a great way to quickly expand your business!

Avid Advocate: Fighting for feline rights and ensuring their welfare piques your interest. Think about a career such as:
Animal rescue worker: Many cats, whether lost, stray or feral, need a helping hand to get off the streets. Devote your efforts to an animal rescue league in the capacity of either employee or director to give these kitties the human assistance they need.

Pet advocate: Give a voice to cats by choosing a profession in which you can provide information to the public about animal rights and welfare. Find animal welfare groups in your phone book or online. Feral cat advocate Becky Robinson shares her advice [here](#).

Media relations specialist: Most animal-centered organizations, including veterinary schools, have a media contact to create and distribute press releases and coordinate media-attended events. Fill this role, and determine how information is presented to the public.

Kristin Grant, who lives in Baton Rouge, La., with her three cats, fortunately discovered her ideal cat career a few years back — writing about them!