

A History of Cats

Cats have been around for a long time. Cats were on Earth millions of years ago. Cats were here long before dogs. At first, all cats were wild. Over time, though, people tamed cats.

The people of ancient Egypt had cats in their houses about 5,000 years ago. They used cats to hunt fish and birds. They also used cats to get rid of rats and mice. In ancient Egypt, cats were valuable. Laws protected them. Cats were even buried in special cemeteries when they died.

In other places, people thought that cats had magical powers. This is where the fear of black cats comes from. Today, we know cats do not have magical powers. Cats are just good pets!

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