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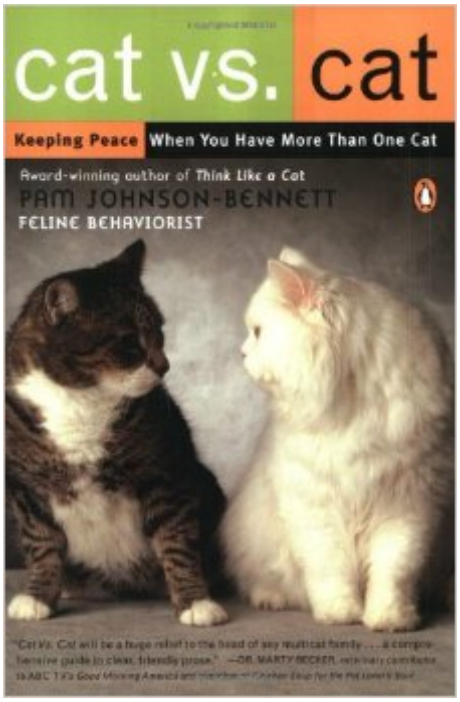

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Synopsis

In this companion to her successful introduction to cat behavior Think Like a Cat, Pam Johnson-Bennett, the award-winning author and host of Animal Planet UK's Psycho Kitty, shows how adding another cat to your home does not have to be the start of a kitty apocalypse. Although cats are often misunderstood as natural loners, Johnson-Bennett shows how to plan, set up, and maintain a home environment that will help multiple cats--and their owners--live in peace. Cat vs. Cat will help readers understand the importance of territory, the specialized communication cats use to establish relationships and hierarchies, and how to interpret the so-called "bad behavior" that leads so many cat parents to needless frustration. Offering a wealth of information on how to diffuse tension, prevent squabbles and ambushes, blend two families, or help the elder kitty in your family, Cat vs. Cat is a welcome resource for both seasoned and prospective guardians of cat families large and small.

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I consider myself pretty knowledgeable about our feline friends because I have put a good amount of time in studying their behavior and studying ABOUT them. With that in mind, I was anxious to read "Cat Vs. Cat" and learn more about cat sociology and how they interact with each other.We are a five cat household. All five are rescues and two are feral brother and sister cats. We have managed to socialize all of them into one colony where they get along and respect the Queen (although she is not the highest in the pecking order). The book explains in good detail how important the feline hierarchy is and how this hierarchy is often expressed in vertical space. I had personally studied about this aspect and have seen it in my own cats but was delighted to read a

good explanation about it.This is a fantastic book for those in multiple cat households who may or may not be encountering tension between cats. The book explains territories and hierarchies very well. Understanding the importance of these two aspects in a feline's life will help everything else come together and make sense.I recommend the book as a great resource for all of those who have multiple feline households or are contemplating bringing another feline into the fold. Think about it and read about it -- you will be happy you did.UPDATE June 24, 2010: Another stray whose been in the wild for a while (but is definitely a domestic cat) has chosen us as his new family. I grabbed this book off my shelf as a refresher and it's as relevant as ever. Taking the new introduction nice and slow with our other 5 cats (two ferals) and things are going well.

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