



# Animal Husbandry In the Home Cattery



## RESOURCE LIST

Breeding Bengals requires a lot of study and knowledge. Breeders should use the advice of their mentors, a mentoring list, their veterinarian, books, and refer to other print and online resources for more detailed information. This document is a list of some resources recommended by TIBCS members.

### MATING

*Breeding Pedigreed Cats*, Carolyn M. Vella and John J. McGonagle, 1997. A well-written and thorough book, written by a pair of experienced breeders. If you can buy only one book on breeding, this is the one to get.

*A Feline Affair: Raising and Breeding Purebred Cats*, Elaine Wenner Gilbertson, 1993. A good reference for guidance in dealing with the everyday situations that arise in cat breeding, especially geared towards those who are starting to get involved in the Fancy.

*Breeding Purebred Cats: A Guide for the Novice and Small Breeder*, Anne S. Moore, 1981. A "how-to" book for those who are either just getting into breeding, or are considering doing so. Outlines pros and cons, things to consider and watch out for.

*Feline Reproduction: A Manual for Cat Breeders and Veterinarians*. Written by Susan Little, DVM, this ten chapter CD is based on numerous previously published sources as well as lecture material. The text has been revised, expanded and upgraded, and is now illustrated with full color photos and charts. A popup glossary has been referenced throughout the text. A bibliography of selected feline reproduction references is also included. <http://www.winnfelinehealth.org/cd-feline-reproduction.html>

*Feline Pregnancy Calculator*. It even tells you what's going on at different points in the pregnancy. Very educational! <http://www.purrinlot.com/preg.htm>

## BEHAVIOR

*The Domestic Cat: The Biology of its Behaviour*, second edition. Ed. Denis Turner and Patrick Bateson, 2000. This book compiles, reviews, and proposes conclusions based on modern scientific studies of domestic cats. Some of the more useful information includes how cats learn, the critical period for human handling to ensure socialization, the relationship between the temperament of a sire and the temperament of its offspring (even if the male never sees his offspring), and the feline colony social structure.

## GENETICS

*Robinson's Genetics for Cat Breeders & Veterinarians*, fourth edition. Ed. Vella, Shelton, McGonagle, and Stanglein, 1999. The basic genetic reference for cat breeders.

## HEALTH

*Feline Husbandry: Diseases and Management in the Multiple Cat Environment*. Pedersen, 1991. This volume contains a wealth of information about feline illness and how to set up and manage a cattery in order to minimize and manage health problems.

*The Cornell Book of Cats*, second edition. Ed. Siegal, 1989. A good basic reference work (with diagrams) of feline physiology.

*Common sense book of Complete Cat Care*. Louis L. Vine. Good all around information for Cat Care.

*Saunders Comprehensive Veterinary Dictionary*. Blood Studdert. Great to have, especially when reading medical reference materials.

*The Fancier's Health List*. A Yahoo Group for the discussion of feline health issues in pedigreed cats. There are more than 3000 members, including veterinarians and breeders. The files area of this group contain a database that lists dosages for many basic feline medications. You must be a member of Yahoo to join. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fanciershealth/>

## TRAINING

*Cat Training in 10 Minutes*. Fields-Babineau, 2003. Excellent step-by-step book that teaches the use of positive reinforcement (with or without a clicker) and the cat's own instincts to train any cat quickly and easily.

## **CATTERY MANAGEMENT**

*How Many is Too Many? Who Gets to Leave? ~ Some Thoughts for Breeders and A Strategy for Reducing Numbers*, Nancy Prince, TICA TREND, December 2005/January 2006 issue. A discussion of how to avoid getting/keeping "too many" cats and how to determine which ones might be good candidates for outplacement. Includes a worksheet to use in figuring this out.

## **DEATH AND LOSS**

*The Rainbow Bridge*. Resources for dealing with companion animal loss.  
<http://www.rainbowbridge.com/>