

Questions

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Answers

1. Give two possible reasons why cats are a popular choice of pet in the UK.

Cats are a popular choice of pet in the UK because they: don't need to be taken for walks, they can be left in the house on their own and they can come and go when they want to. (Accept any two.).

2. What does it mean when the text says "Cats are not vegetarian"?

"Cats are not vegetarian" means they need to eat meat and cannot just eat vegetables.

3. What might happen if a cat does not have access to clean, fresh water?

If a cat does not have access to clean, fresh water, it could become dehydrated and quickly become ill.

4. What sort of environment do cats need to live in?

Cats need to live in a warm, dry environment.

5. How do cats make themselves feel safe?

Cats make themselves feel safe by hiding under beds or up high on shelves or bookcases.

6. Why might a cat's behaviour change? Give as many reasons as you can.

A cat's behaviour might change if they are distressed, bored, ill or in pain.

7. Give one sign a cat might display if they are in pain.

If a cat is in pain it might display a sign (accept any one of the following):
likely to attack/disappears for a long time/avoids people.

8. Describe two things a cat cannot be forced to do.

A cat cannot be forced to sit on someone's knee, be friendly or enjoy being stroked. (Accept any two).

9. Why do cats need to scratch things?

Cats need to scratch things because it helps sharpen their claws and strengthens their muscles.

10. What is the general message of the last paragraph?

Pupil's own response based on: The general message of the last paragraph is that if you care for a cat properly, they will be your best friend.