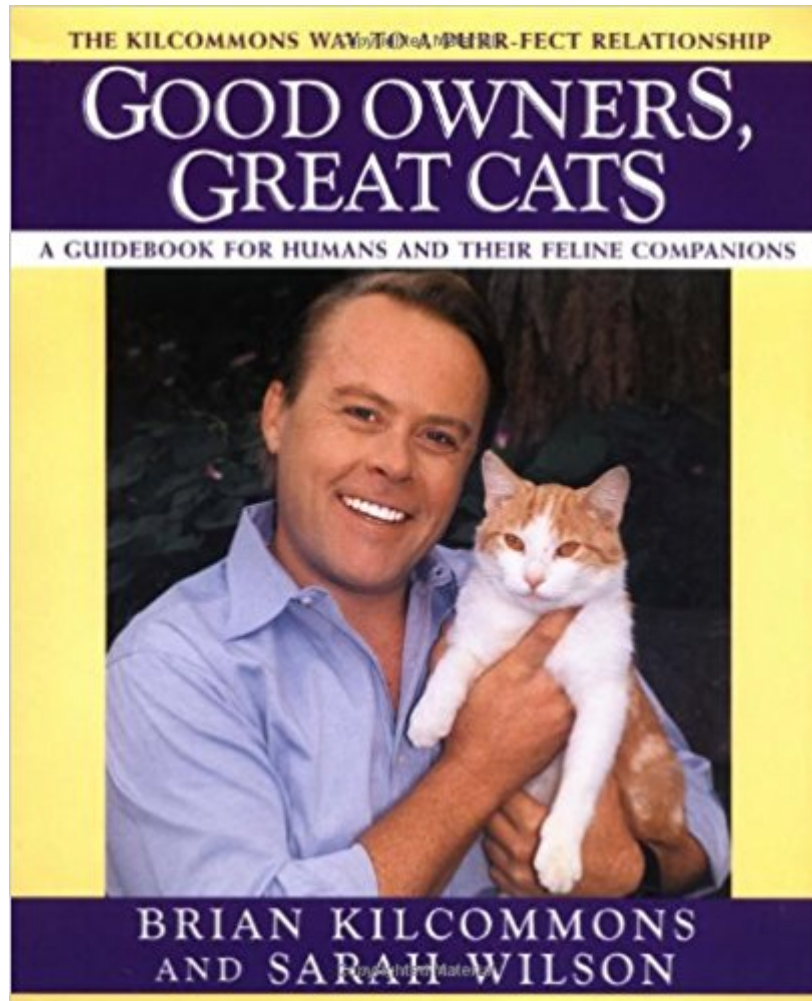




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# Good Owners, Great Cats



## Synopsis

In this definitive guide, the authors show owners how to keep their felines happy, healthy and well-behaved. From the basics of cat care to understanding their complex body language and vocalizations, they provide in-depth information on kittenhood and the adult cat, solid advice on feline problems and proven techniques for modifying behavior.

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## Customer Reviews

Thinking of getting a cat? Read this book! Brian Kilcommons, an animal trainer for more than 20 years, and Sarah Wilson have written a book addressing all aspects of owning and caring for a cat. They explain the mechanics of cat ownership in a way that encompasses the emotional care necessary for a happy cat/owner relationship. In this lively, easy-to-read book (with a marvelous collection of feline photographs), subjects include taking care of a new kitten, raising a healthy cat, and understanding cat behavior. Scattered throughout are short stories about notable cats and their owners; one such story relates the account of Nermal, whose idea of fun was sliding down the laundry chute. Asides throughout the book relate such information as finding your lost cat, dealing with fleas, and choosing a veterinarian. Also helpful are the "Frequently Asked Questions" at the end of each chapter, which address those questions that one might not feel comfortable asking in a large group ("My kitten likes to chase flies. Is this okay?") Touted as "a guidebook for humans and their feline companions," this book is a must-read for any cat owner.

The author of *Good Owners, Great Dogs* (Warner, 1992) has now turned his attention to cats. A behaviorist and protege of Barbara Woodhouse, a noted author of numerous books on training dogs

(e.g., No Bad Dogs, Summit, 1994), he and coauthor Wilson outline feline problem behaviors (e.g., litter box problems, separation anxiety, aggression) and their solutions. Their book is compact but covers a lot of ground, from choosing a kitten to "saying good-bye" to a dying pet. There are many concise tips for training and handling, ranging from pilling a cat to domesticating a feral cat. Cute photos and personal accounts of feline friends are attractively interspersed. Two similar books, Bruce Fogle's The Cat's Mind: Understanding Your Cat's Behavior ("Grooming Your Pet Care Collection," LJ 2/1/93, p. 49-53) and Gale Nemec's Living with Cats (Morrow, 1993) offer much of the same information. Buy where readers have an insatiable appetite for cat materials. Laura Lipton, Miller Horticulture Lib., Seattle Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is a fabulous book! I had a good cat to start, but I wanted to understand her better. Brian and Sarah's book helped me understand what my cat was trying to tell me with her body language. Consequently, my cat has become more outgoing when people come over. In addition, this book was the main reason I was able to keep the peace when I brought a new dog home. I read some other animal training books, and this book manages to cover the core of what you really need to know about cats better than the rest. I liked it so much, I also purchased Good Owners, Great Dogs - which is also the best in its field.

My 9 year old enjoyed reading this and learned a lot from it.

I've looked over many books on cats to find one I could recommend to my kitten buyers. This book is my favorite! The authors cover a ton of information in a succinct manner. There are some question and answer pages, a section on training your kitty to sit or lie down on command, and solving behavior problems. This book is no longer in print, and is currently available at low prices. Get it while you can!

After reading Great Owners, Great Dogs and sharing it with many friends, I knew I couldn't go wrong in buying this. So many helpful and common sense tips.

Old, some old fashioned ideas. Out of date. Too bad because "Good Owners, Great Dogs" was my Bible when I trained my dog, who became the best dog I ever had!

We've been having some issues with our two six-year old cats. The book is attractive, well-laid out

and easy to read. We're finding it interesting and useful. It also includes a lot of information on getting started with a kitten. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because I wish it were a little more detailed in dealing with problem areas. But it appears to be the best reference book around for this.

I am a brand new cat owner and so I checked out 3 books from the local library, this being one of them. In reading each of the books, I realized that "Good Owners, Great Cats," almost always had the best, most common-sense advice written in a very "no holds barred" way. Kilcommons doesn't mince words and he's very opinionated, but his opinions seem to be right on the mark. I've only owned dogs in the past, and without reading this book I think that I would be clueless in how to train/discipline a cat. In the few short weeks that I've had the cat and the book (which I've purchased) I've used its hints and advice innumerable times.

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