

TAMA THE STATIONMASTER

Dubbed 'the \$10 million cat' by CNN, Tama's popularity as honorary master of Kishi station in western Japan helped bail the line out of desperate financial straits. When she died following eight years of loyal service, thousands attended her funeral, and she was granted the status of a Shinto goddess.



BARSIK

Following his successful campaign for mayor of the Siberian city of Barnaul, Barsik announced his candidacy for President of Russia in 2018. The Scottish fold's recent pro-Putin, anti-liberal stance may lead to speculation about his involvement in the 2016 US presidential elections. The vacancy for White House cat remains open.



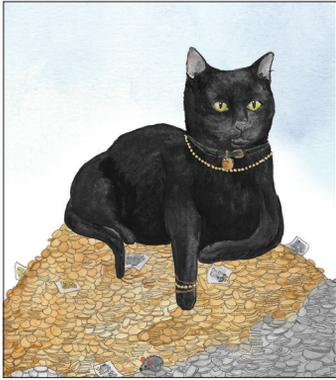
SAM WARHOL

Andy Warhol loved Siamese cats, keeping 25 in his New York brownstone. The eccentric artist named them all 'Sam', memorializing them in the book *25 Cats Name Sam and One Blue Pussy*. That's 375 minutes of fame between them. To cultivate his bohemian, downtown look, Warhol encouraged the Sams to pee on his shoes.



BRF CAT

The indignity of being named after a condiment would make anyone feel (and look) a bit fed up. A bitchy resting face isn't always a bad thing though ... it can lead to riches beyond the wildest dreams of most kitties (and their owners). Being the most famous meme in the history of the internet doesn't come without a price though – all those PAs and photoshoots can make a pussy very grouchy.



BLACKIE

Reclusive millionaire Dave Rea left his £7m fortune to the last of his fifteen cats, Blackie. In addition to an endless supply of cat treats, this earned the feline a place in the *2011 Guinness Book of World Records* and was Dave's way of giving the ultimate two-fingered salute to his family from beyond the grave.



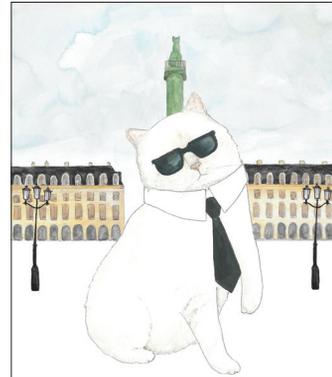
FÉLICETTE

After having electrodes planted in her brain, on 11 October 1963, the first cat was blasted into space by the French government. Félicette (as she became known), whizzed up into space then came back down to earth in a capsule. Her 15-minute trip left this astrocat unscathed, albeit we imagine, 'un peu' dazed and confused.



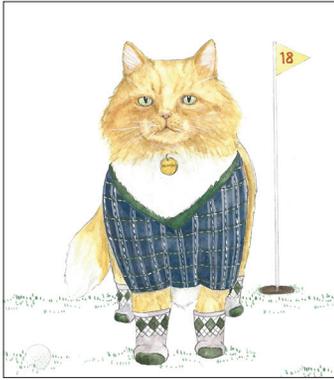
LARRY

Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office (incumbent), Larry follows the longstanding civil servants' tradition of refusing to tow the party line. His ambivalence towards the serving PM, laissez-faire attitude to his official duties and acerbic Tweets from the frontline of Number 10 Downing Street have won him legions of loyal followers – nearly as many as there are members of the Conservative Party.



FASHWAN CAT

It comes as no surprise that this high-maintenance pussy has a complete set of designer luggage, her very own iPad and not one, but two maids at her disposal. With an income of over £2m pa, this fashion-tastic feline has a lifestyle most of us can only dream of, travelling everywhere by private jet, quaffing beluga caviar, and gracing the cover of *Vogue* (twice).



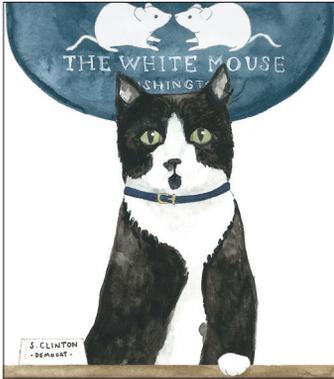
HAMISH McHAMISH

This handsome and very hairy ginger Tom could usually be found sauntering around town as if he owned the place. In fact he might as well have, as wee Hamish was so popular with the town's residents that they paid for a statue to commemorate him while he was still happily prowling the streets of St Andrews.



TRIM

Born at sea, this intrepid explorer circumnavigated Australia in 1801–3 alongside Matthew Flinders. So impressed was Flinders by his feline companion that he wrote *A Biographical Tribute to the Memory of Trim*, (eventually published in 1973). Brave, athletic and seaworthy, Trim was also 'excessively vain of his person, particularly his snow-white feet'.



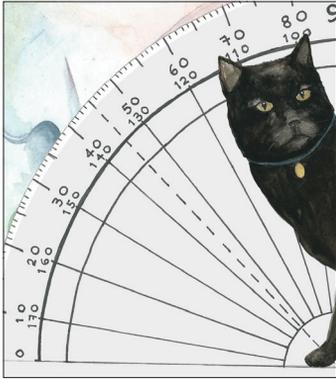
SOCKS CLINTON

Like his presidential owner, Socks rose from poor beginnings in Arkansas to reside in the White House. Arguably the most popular Clinton, Socks received sackfuls of mail, as anthologized by Hillary Clinton in the book *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy* (1998). He was also featured on a stamp in the Central African Republic.



NOTHING

When boldly declaring that 'Hell is Other People', the bespectacled French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre obviously didn't include feline company – his beloved cat Nothing clearly provided him with some much-needed relief from all the hard liquor, hallucinogenic drugs and 24/7 existentialism.



ENO'S CAT

In a world full of middle-of-the road mantras and meaningless memes, Eno's razor sharp oblique strategies (originally a pack of cards and now shared on Twitter by Eno's cat Kofi) offer an alternative way of looking at life, should you ever find yourself to be a little lacking in creative inspiration.



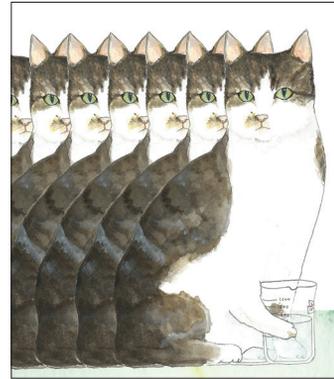
GRIMALKIN

Companion of the French prophet and astrologer Nostradamus (1503–1566), Grimalkin was privy to some of the most famous (and often debunked) predictions of modern times. Cats often seem to know more than they are letting on – was Grimalkin the real source of the prophecies? He'll never tell.



DUSTY THE KLEPTO KITTY

Aged about two, this domestic Snowshoe from San Mateo, California, began bringing home other people's clothes, toys and household items (over 600, estimate his humans). Dusty's burglaries made the local news, and from there he was invited to appear on the *Late Show with David Letterman*. Crime does pay.



CC

It's completely natural to want your darling pet to live forever, and the Victorians facilitated this using some very questionable taxidermy. Fast forward to 2001, and a more sophisticated approach was employed ... CC (aka Carbon Copy) was the world's first cloned pet, but this little tabby and white copycat was created primarily for scientific (rather than sentimental) reasons.



THE SHOW CAT

It's showtime! Again. For this high-maintenance Persian life is an endless cycle of days on the road, extreme grooming and constant scrutiny. Hours spent waiting in her sparkly princess carrier while Sphinxes and Maine Coons strut their stuff. Why does she do it? Because that 'Best in Show' rosette is always just around the corner.



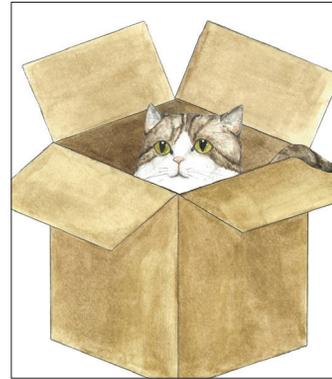
THE HAIRLESS KITTY

It's not easy being different, a fact that Canadian breeder didn't really consider when in 1966 they mated hairless kitten Prune with its mother and bred the first Sphynx litter. Since then, cat fanciers have expanded the breed, providing a ready-made income for makers of tiny cat knitwear around the world.



THE NUISANCE

Doors play a fundamental role in domestic life, but cats simply see them as an unnecessary annoyance. They take pleasure in reminding humans of this in the most passive-aggressive way possible: sit outside then meow to be let in; come inside then meow to be let out ... and repeat.



THE BOX OBSESSIVE

As most cat owners will come to learn, cats possess impeccable taste. When faced with the multi-platform brown/beige fake-fur and hessian monstrosity commonly known as a 'cat tower', is it any wonder they prefer the clean-lined minimalist aesthetic of the simple cardboard box?

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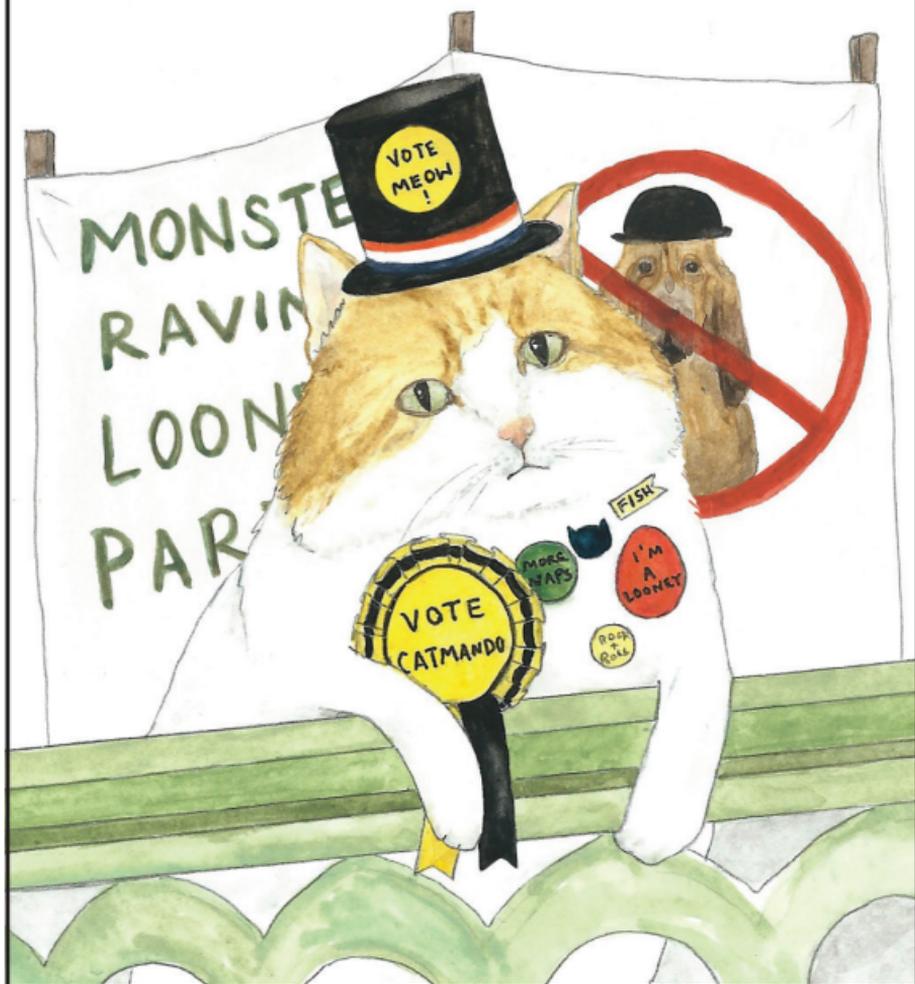
🐱 If you love someone, set them free – but keep them under surveillance. 🌀 Look for the precious in the ordinary. 🐾 To put something back together, first you must break it.

BEERBOHM



🐾 To thine own self be true. To everyone else, don't bother. 🌀 To be or not to be? Just take a nap. 🐾 All the world's back gardens are your stage.

CATMANDO



🐱 Winners don't always come first. 🗣️ Speak up – every meow counts. 🐾 You don't have to be able to bark to be the top dog.

CHESHIRE CAT



🐱 Smile and you can get away with anything. 🌀 Don't be afraid to go down the rabbit hole. 🐾 Always read the label.

BÉBÉCHAT



👁️ See the world, but always come back to those you love. 🌀 Follow your dreams even if they take you beyond the cat flap. 🐾 Everyone's your neighbour in the global village.

HANK FOR SENATE



🐟 Sometimes in relationships you have to play politics. 🧶 Rise above your litter. 🐾 Stay true to your values and you will nap soundly.