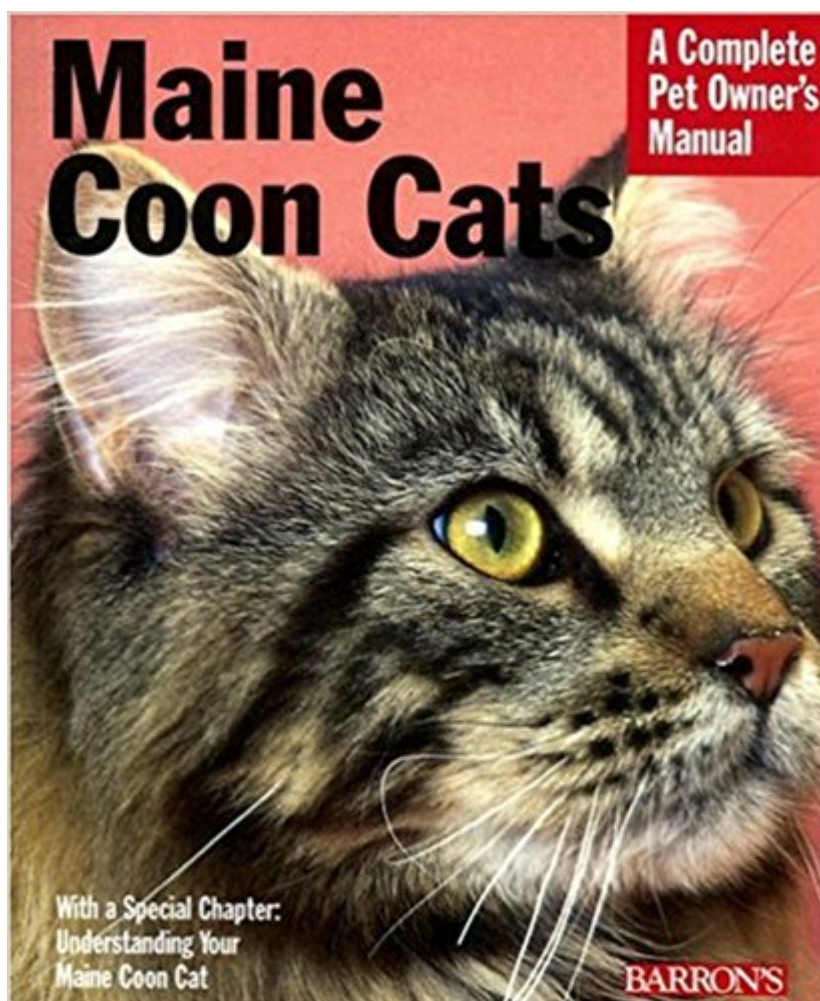


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Maine Coon Cats (Complete Pet Owner's Manual)



Synopsis

This large, native American cat is currently one of the most popular breeds in the United States. Here in one volume is virtually everything a pet owner needs to know about the Maine Coon. This heavily illustrated book avoids technical language while offering sound advice and reliable information to current and soon-to-be pet owners. Written by animal specialists, veterinarians, and trainers, the titles in this series focus on pets of all kinds--different dog and cat breeds, birds, fish, reptiles, small animals, yard animals, and even exotic pets. All Pet Owner's Manuals are filled with high-quality photos and instructive line art.

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Daly practices small animal medicine and surgery. Karen Leigh Davis rode competitively in saddleseat and hunt seat equitation before switching to classical dressage. Her skills and versatility as a rider and her personal understanding of the physics, mechanics, philosophy, and intricacies of dressage give her unique insight into properly introducing aspiring riders to the sport.

This book was rather disappointing. It read more like something from the 70s, it did not have any new information and in some cases, provides information which could be incorrectly interpreted. For example, it states that the FIP vaccine is a "noncore" vaccine which may be recommended by your vet on a case by case basis - REALLY??!! It also states that carbohydrates is one of the six main nutrients which your cat needs to stay healthy and that carbs come from plant sources...interesting note considering the first sentence in the very NEXT paragraph says that "cats are carnivores", hmm, unless my teachers all those years ago were wrong, carnivores were MEAT-eaters, not vegetarians and a carnivore, especially obligate carnivores which cats are do NOT need vegetable matter in their diets since they cannot properly digest it (look in the wild, when was the last time you saw a big cat eating grass, eh??) The book also promotes ONLY the commercial diets (it mentions homemade meals, and says that you should NOT do so, but it does not mention any of the raw diets which are far healthier for cats). Other areas which were completely lacking and dated this book to somewhere in the 70s or early 80s were comments such as "the material of the [feeding and water] bowls is irrelevant", just make sure porcelain and ceramic are lead-free and food-safe. Not true!!! Plastic bowls become scratched and scarred after a while and can become breeding grounds for bacteria, causing you to toss them after a while and replace them. Also, the book does not make mention of the newer types of litters available (biodegradable, pine, newspaper, etc. For these and other reasons, it seems that the book really was written decades ago, republished in 2006, but without making any changes or updating the information. Overall, I was not thrilled with the book and when you consider that it is only 90 pages' worth of reading, the book is not really worth the price either. I would not particularly recommend purchasing this book, I thought I was buying something which could be used as a true handbook/guide and which I could use as a reference manual. I did not really find that in this one. This is something I would recommend to someone to learn about ANY type of cat if they are considering adopting one. Nothing in here is specific to Maine Coons, other than the breed standards and how to find reputable breeders, which you can get for free from any of the breed associations and cat associations' websites (and did I mention that breed information on these sites is free?). Bottomline - it is a good "intro to cats" but it is not worth the money nor does it provide much more than very basic information freely available on reputable internet sites.

The first several pages are specific to Maine Coon cats, but the remainder of the book is general to all cats. As someone who has just rescued the first Maine Coon I've ever had, I was disappointed

that I didn't learn more from this book.

We breed, show and own Maine Coons for nearly a decade and have given several books to our new kitten owners over the years. We now give this book. I like it as a good basic cat book that also has Maine Coon information. My goal in giving any information is to make my customers better cat owners and understand the breed. I could give a more technical book, but really wanted something I thought would be accessible to most. If you are looking for a very involved book about cats and EVERYTHING you could want to know, this isn't it. However, if you want the basics, this does a nice job.

The big was in excellent condition.

I just recently became the proud mommy of a Maine Coon kitten. I have been reading everything I can get my hands on to understand the breed well, and have found a lot of fluff out there and conflicting information. This is the definitive Maine Coon Owner's Manual! The information in this book is complete, detailed, and fascinating! One thing you should bear in mind is that this book was written several years ago (in the 1990s I believe), so some of the references to prices and the state of the internet, etc. are a little dated. This is not a problem, really, but if you think it refers to today, you might be disappointed when you find out that prices of everything are much higher nowadays. Thank you Carol Himsel Daly for writing this great book.

Maine Coon Cats are such fun and it was nice to see that a lot of the behavior of our cat is what we found in this informative book.

the book cover clearly stated, "understanding your maine coon cat: its vocal and body language". Yet upon reading the book I could not find the above. As a general care book for cats it is acceptable, for understanding my Maine coons eccentricities, it is not.

Helps me understand better my five Maine Coons. Perhaps the best and most intelligent breed going. Having had Persians and domestic short hair breeds in the past, Coon are by far more compatible and adaptable to indoor living conditions, while if allowed to roam outdoors, are formidable hunters that will even take on dogs passing through their territory!

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