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CAT MYTHS

People believe things about cats that might not be true. These “myths” can confuse cat owners. If you like cats, learn the facts and fiction about them.

Some people think that cats need to drink milk. That is not true. If a cat eats a good diet, it does not need to drink milk. Does your cat drink milk? Most cats like milk, but it can make them sick. Cats should only have milk in small amounts.

Have you heard the one about garlic? People put garlic on cat food. They believe it will get rid of worms in the cat’s body. Does it work? Garlic makes food taste richer. Garlic does nothing to worms. It will give the cat bad breath! If your cat has worms, take it to an animal doctor. A veterinarian can give medicine to the cat. The medicine will take care of the worms.

Some people think that cats’ whiskers help them to balance. Whiskers serve as “feelers.” They do nothing at all for balance. “Feelers” help the cat know about its surroundings.

Have you heard these myths before? Do not believe them. Learn how to care for cats. Read books and talk to your veterinarian. Cats need good owners to care for them.

STORY QUESTIONS

- According to the passage, what is the meaning of “if a cat eats a good diet”?
 - getting the treats it deserves
 - getting the right kind and amount of food to make them healthy
 - getting the right kind of love and attention
 - getting your neighbor to feed your cat while you are on vacation
- “Cat Myths” is mostly about. . .
 - creating a positive atmosphere for your cat.
 - stories that are true about cats.
 - stories that are not true about cats.
 - making sure you have dinner in time for your cat.
- A new title for this passage might be . . .

a. “The Truth About Cats.”	c. “Blame It on the Cat.”
b. “A Cat’s Life.”	d. “Safety for Cats.”
- When someone tells you new information about any topic, you should always . . .
 - read a book that gives you advice on friendship.
 - watch a TV show about chickens.
 - search the Internet for video games about cats.
 - check to see if the information is correct.