



December 2022 - Cats Answer Sheet

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Tonight

- We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!
- You can find complete information about this puzzle set online at: <http://puzzledpint.com>
 - Go to the location page there to find out if your location is running virtually and how to contact your local GC.
 - Look there for online remote solving tools for remote teams, like google-sheets and answer checkers.
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The Puzzles

- Each puzzle's solution will be a short word or phrase. How do you find it? That's for you to discover!
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: <http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/>
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone; the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve.

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- We're an all-volunteer organization.
- Help us run locally: Talk with Game Control about how you can volunteer.
- Help us run globally: <https://www.patreon.com/PuzzledPint>.

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Furry Phrases	
Mittens	
Keyboard Cats	
The Cat Cafe	
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Bonus: Cat Breeds	

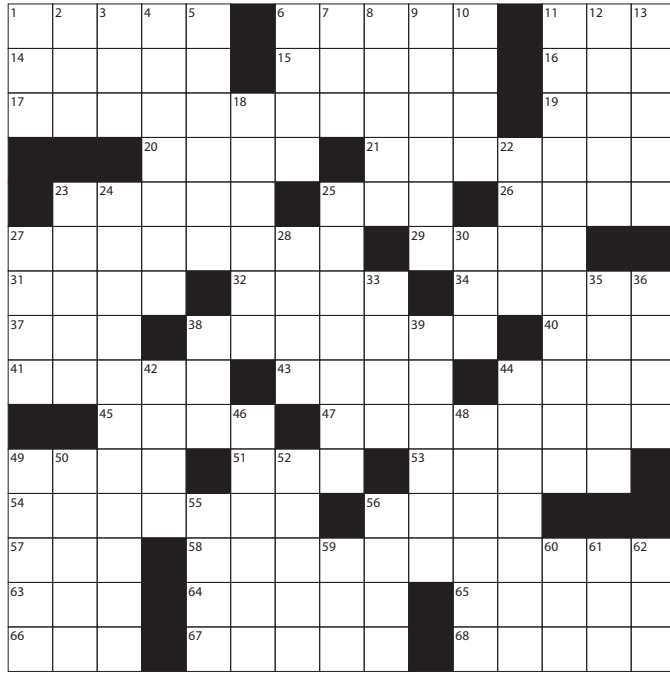


Furry Phrases



There are fun furry phrases out the wazoo, but after solving this crossword, you might blow the lid off the whole kit-n-caboodle. Has the cat got your tongue or are you able to **unscramble** a coherent response?

- ACROSS**
- 1 Smart ___ (sassy folks)
 - 6 Yellowstone National Park grazers
 - 11 Game involving stealing from the opponents' base (abbr.)
 - 14 Panama Hat material
 - 15 As predicted
 - 16 Leather hole-punch
 - 17 "It's like ___" [1]
 - 19 Golf platform
 - 20 Ending for Mario or Warner
 - 21 "Decisions, decisions..."
 - 23 Is willing to
 - 25 A double or triple one has higher ABV
 - 26 Goes (for)
 - 27 Like a typical undergraduate degree
 - 29 "Et voila!"
 - 31 Avant-garde
 - 32 "A likely story!"
 - 34 Jambalaya cuisine
 - 37 Prefix meaning equal
 - 38 Tag-along guest ... or what to do with four indexes in these clues
 - 40 "Without further ___"
 - 41 Get new equipment for
 - 43 Drink with a lizard on the label
 - 44 Messaged on Slack or Teams
 - 45 Gender neutral pronoun in the Ten Commandments
 - 47 Password partner
 - 49 Tres más cinco
 - 51 After taxes and expenses
 - 53 Smart-mouthed
 - 54 Is quick to settle?
 - 56 ___ Blanc (Alps high point)
 - 57 Yank's foe in the Civil War
 - 58 "No room ___" [3]
- DOWN**
- 1 Ketchum of Pokemon
 - 2 Wireless network letters
 - 3 Slip up
 - 4 Chocolate egg maker
 - 5 Like a whirlpool
 - 6 Peaty places



- 7 Ltrs. after a company name
- 8 Skull cap?
- 9 Beat in a hot dog contest
- 10 Home automation brand
- 11 "That's the ___" [8]
- 12 Update your followers, perhaps
- 13 Doesn't stay and fight
- 18 "You'll have to do better than that!"
- 22 Soft drink
- 23 No ___ for wear
- 24 "The cat's ___" [0]
- 25 Film technique ending a scene with a contracting circle
- 27 Not good?
- 28 Maker of VivoBook laptops
- 30 Blackjack component
- 33 Computerized car keys
- 35 Competitor to Coursera or Skillshare
- 36 Lymphatic cluster
- 38 Vacation days, for short
- 39 Liam who voiced Aslan in Narnia
- 42 Chain touting World Famous Buttermilk Pancakes
- 44 Eligible for reduced tuition, perhaps
- 46 Separate a pair of oxen, perhaps
- 48 Texas lawman
- 49 TV host with a book club
- 50 Words to live by
- 52 County of eastern England
- 55 Working away
- 56 ___ Congeniality
- 59 "Wait, huh?"
- 60 Michael of SNL
- 61 CPR aiding device
- 62 Have a go



Mittens has been forcefully relocated by his hoomans to a new mansion. He now faces the daunting task of exploring his new home. To further complicate matters, the mansion has four levels, and his perspective will have to keep **shifting** with each new level. Along the way, Mittens will discover the **shortest** path that leads him to his true heart's desire, for which he will have to make his way all the way up onto the roof.

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Keyboards



Cats

You are up late wasting time on YouTube and Reddit and your cat, named Duo, jumps on the keyboard, filling it with a bunch of gibberish letters. As you try to make sense of what is on your computer screen, Duo continues to walk in **circles** around your monitor **and straight lines** across your keyboard. Finally, he stops in the **center of his circles**, staring intently at the screen, refusing to move. What on earth has him so enthralled?

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1. Something you do on Reddit when you like a post
2. Video sharing app that has made many dances famous
3. "Wake Me Up" DJ
4. We have been dependent on this conferencing software since 2020
5. Obsolete devices used for playing movies onto a TV
6. Hinge, Tinder, and Bumble are examples of this kind of app
7. A kind of unwanted email
8. The opposite of the theme of this puzzle set
9. Another name for web addresses
10. The kind of vaccine that Pfizer and Moderna produced
11. Jon Bon _____
12. You might read these on a Kindle
13. He famously stole Christmas
14. A popular gaming console by Microsoft
15. Frodo and Sam's final destination
16. Photo sometimes taken with a dedicated stick
17. The name of Twitter posts
18. Laptops often use this in order to get online
19. Search engine
20. A "Lady" you might "Telephone"



The Cat Cafe



You went by the cat cafe **three** times in one day, morning, noon, and afternoon. Each time, you stopped and looked at the cats through the window. There were fifteen cats, with **zero, one, or two** cats at each location. Early in the day, some cats were hiding where you couldn't see them. But the cats you could see gave you an idea. The third time, you decided to go into the cafe. What did you get when you went in?

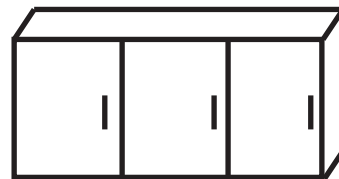
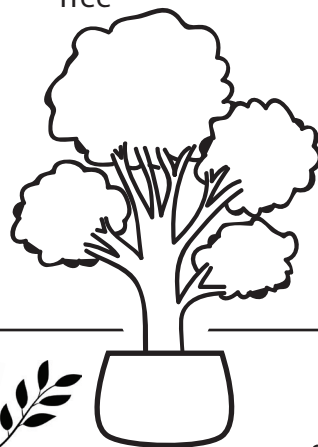
A _____

1. No cats climbed the tree or chased the wand in the morning.
2. The catnip and mouse got more popular every time you visited.
3. The fish tank got less popular each time.
4. The cats were so excited that only one had time to sleep.
5. Four cats hid in the morning, three at noon, and none in the afternoon.
6. Artemis the hunter sharpened her claws before and after a midday fishing trip.
7. Bandit came out of hiding at noon, had a snack, and snoozed away the afternoon in a comfy spot.
8. Chip and Dexter chased the laser pointer all morning. When its batteries ran out before noon, all the cats lost interest.
9. Chip and Dexter visited the scratching post, but not at the same time. While Chip was scratching, Dexter went into hiding.
10. Elsa watched the fun from the cabinets and the trees, before meeting Lily to play.
11. Fluffy was hiding in the morning, so she didn't hear the lecture about not climbing trees while high on catnip.
12. Gordo spent all day at the food bowl.
13. Hank climbed the walls with Kiara in the morning. Later, he always seemed to be somewhere that Elsa had just left.
14. Iggy lounged around the house, except at lunchtime when he pounced on a toy he thought was food.
15. Java and Mittens went everywhere together. They liked mice, fish, and magic, but not in that order.
16. Kiara thought the floor was made of lava. She went from far right to far left, and back, without touching the ground.
17. Lily left the house, failed to locate Elsa atop the cabinets, and finally found her in a magical place.
18. Nacho hid from all the excitement. When he came out late in the day, he liked to be in a place that felt like home.
19. Like Nacho, Orville hid until late in the day. Then he went on a bender with Chip.
20. Only Artemis, Gordo, Iggy, and Kiara were in the same place more than once.

The Cat Cafe



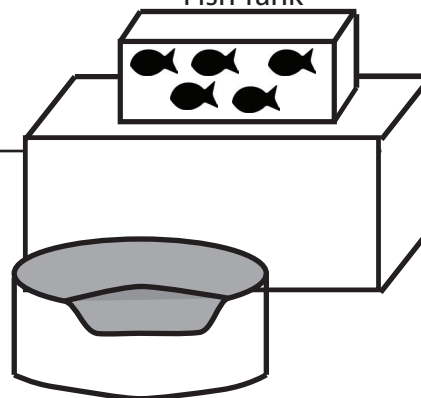
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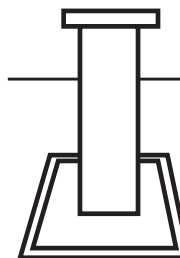
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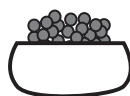
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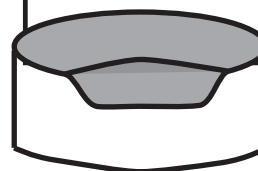


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Catnip

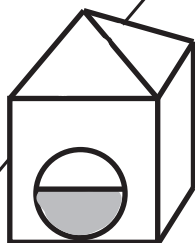


AM Noon PM
Food Bowl

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Bed



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Scratching Post



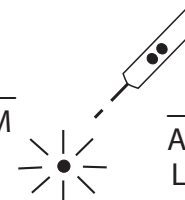
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Mouse



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Laser Pointer



The Cat Cafe Menu



On your last trip to the cat cafe, you were so distracted by the cute cats that you were unsuccessful in checking out their delicious food and beverage options! You decide to make a trip back to order something. Unfortunately, at first glance of the menu, you don't see anything that strikes your fancy. Upon careful analysis of the **index** of prices, you realize that there is a secret item available. What is it that you ask for?

_____	_____	_____	Cat Purr Biscuits
_____	_____	_____	Hiss Tortie

Drinks

1, 6. _____
An author-invented cocktail based on a famous cat
Non-Alcoholic - \$2
Boozy - \$6

11. _____tini
Gin & vermouth based cocktail
\$2

2, 8. _____puccino
Coffee with steamed milk
Small - \$1
Large - \$6

Sides

10, 17. Olive oil and _____
A simple salad dressing
Regular - \$5
With olives we hand picked in Italy - \$15

16. As _____agus
A long green or purple spring vegetable
\$8

5, 9. Humm _____
Middle Eastern dip of chickpeas and tahini
Plain - \$1
With pita bread - \$5

Mains

7, 3. _____ Salad
Big ol' pile of leaves, made by the cafe
Iceberg lettuce - \$4
Fancy kale - \$9

15. _____llini
Pasta stuffed with cheese
\$3

12, 4. _____ized
Zucchini
A common gluten-free noodle substitute
Plain noodles - \$7
Add protein - \$16

Dessert

18, 14. Strawberry _____
A fluffy, whipped dessert
Small - \$3
Large - \$13

13. _____
Cookies, outside of North America
\$1

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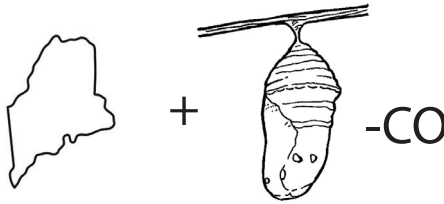
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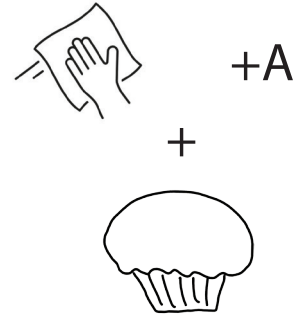
Here at Puzzled Pint, we have a team of many talents that we put together to solve our puzzles. Much like us, cats also have different personalities and specialities! Felidae, your new furry friend from the cat cafe, has also started to portray a hidden talent. Decode the below cat breeds and colors to figure out what it is.



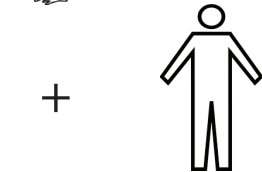
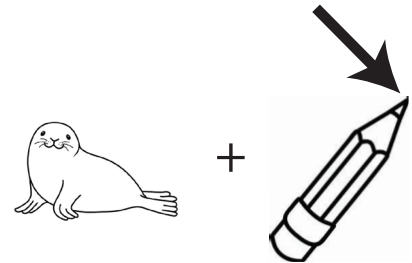
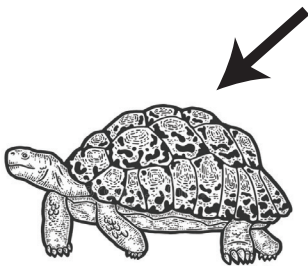
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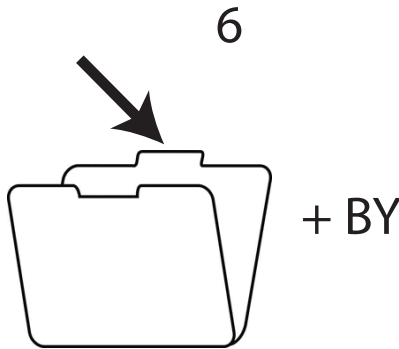
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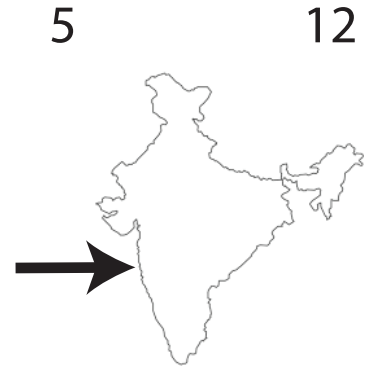


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Puzzle



Cats

- ACROSS**
- 1 Take a break from gaming
 - 6 Credit alternative
 - 11 Soviet spy org.
 - 14 "Them's fighting words!"
 - 15 Author Mary of Stiff, Gulp, and Grunt
 - 16 Host Glass of This American Life
 - 17 * It has 4.5 lives, on average
 - 20 2013 Rockstar hit, for short
 - 21 Had a knack for
 - 22 Trendy men's haircut
 - 25 ___-mash
 - 28 Potential finder of the Voyager Golden Record
 - 29 * One head over heels
 - 32 Succinct
 - 33 Puzzle theme translated
 - 34 Like many insect-resistant crops
 - 37 Canada's most populous prov.
 - 38 DC ballplayer, for short
 - 40 Certain H&R Block employee
 - 42 Thought experiment partner for Alice
 - 43 Mental health prefix
 - 44 Largest sector in the NASDAQ index
 - 46 Squeezed out the water
 - 48 * Wins the betting pool
 - 52 Mexican afternoon
 - 54 "Get ___!" (No time to waste!)
 - 55 Dodge Viper engine, for one
 - 56 Grande with Positions
 - 58 Green smoothie ingredient, perhaps
 - 60 First choice of the last parts of the starred answers.
 - 66 "Don't ask me", in textspeak
 - 67 Pastry maker
 - 68 Like a questionable hotel room
 - 69 Donkey Kong console, for short
 - 70 3-PW set
 - 71 Snapchatter's request
- DOWN**
- 1 Software that puts layers on maps
 - 2 Non-Rx
 - 3 It falls after an eruption
 - 4 Has a senior moment
 - 5 Rewoven figure eight, e.g.
 - 6 It might require parallel parking
 - 7 Super long time
 - 8 Grocery tote
 - 9 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
 - 10 Larynx locale
 - 11 Taking names
 - 12 Storm drain cover
 - 13 Relay prop
 - 18 NBA star Lillard, familiarly
 - 19 Only
 - 22 Camera aperture setting
 - 23 The preacher likes to hear them
 - 24 Below-the-belt tactics
 - 26 Jamaican music genre
 - 27 Those giving a thumbs up?
 - 30 Hex A
 - 31 Tank or polo
 - 35 Three-card scammer's game
 - 36 Doc. taking a pap smear
 - 39 Grabbed a bite
 - 41 Parrot's cry
 - 45 Corporate IT VIP
 - 47 Glued to the seat
 - 49 Southernmost city on the Aleutian Islands
 - 50 Jedi Master Obi-Wan
 - 51 Name list shortener
 - 52 Golf gimme
 - 53 Thumb ___ (be 27-downs)
 - 57 Out in the distance
 - 59 Bart's sister
 - 61 Certain boxing outcome
 - 62 Layer?
 - 63 Org with "ideas worth spreading"
 - 64 House or Trance, e.g.
 - 65 Wheat alternative

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2022 Year-End Recap



For your convenience, here are all the metapuzzle answers of 2022.

I made a year-end recap of what I did in 2022. It started out jumbled, but in the end everything had both an order and a little extra.

In January I got my lean new tree.
In February who saw me feign bad melody? Everyone.
In March I promised to never prettify fountain photos.
In April I did speed dating with a local family. "Next sis, sir."
In May I met a man named Ego, who volts detergent.
In June I saw sacred juice rooms went hollow.
In July I went to visit the Kent Chapel setter.
In August I found the best thing for a barge – whitecaps.
In September I got my Greece console, Venus.
In October I took time to find inner "Yes!"
In November I kept my win afloat.
In December I got a schnauzer, Firebug Poacher.



December 2022
Cats



November 2022
Soccer World Cup



October 2022
Special Characters



September 2022
7 Deadly Sins



August 2022
The Expanse



July 2022
Squid Game



June 2022
Jurassic Park



May 2022
Dogs



April 2022
Miyazaki



March 2022
Internet shopping



February 2022
Spiritfarer



January 2022
Avatar