



KATS' TALES

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How To Name Your Cat by Phillip Mlynar

So how do you go about picking an eye-catching and individual name for your feline without stumbling into anything that's humdrum, ridiculous or regrettable?

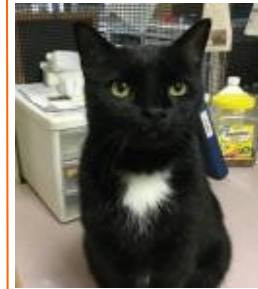
Cat names after pop culture trends The most popular name for the last five years has been Bella. Why? Because people went crazy for the name Bella after the success of The Twilight Saga series of vampire books and films, with fans wanting to honor the protagonist, Isabella Marie Cullen, by naming cats after her. The name Bella is broad and plain enough to endure through the ages — it also means beautiful in Italian — but be cautious about burdening your cat with a title derived from an overnight hot thing. If you want to be right on the wave of trending cat names, next year's hot tips include Rey (Skywalker), after the heroine of the Stars Wars VIII flick, and Ghost, in homage to the noble albino direwolf that *Game Of Thrones*'s Jon Snow roams with. (Naming your feline after another species character is totally legit.)

Too clever cat names There are pros and cons with the idea of anointing your feline with a tricky title, too. We all love a good pun, but be wary of trying to be too clever with your cat's name. Calling your latest feline leader Chairman Meow is a fine quip with which to entertain a cloader of close friends over cocktails, but there might be public occasions where the name is seen as less appropriate.

Food cat names A better naming tactic is to saunter over into the non-partisan world of food. After all, we're all social media foodies these days. Successful sustenance-sourced names abound: Rye and Olive are a tortie and a calico rescue duo from Philadelphia who've become Instagram celebrities ([@oliveandrye](#)); Lobstah is a special-needs kitty named for his distinctive crustacean-shaped claw ([@lobstah_the_cat](#)); and Professor Pizza is the most infamous cat to have passed through the anime-themed Kawaii Kitty café ([@thekawaiikittycafe](#)). Individual cheese cat names are ripe for plundering (Brie! Fontina! Camembert!), and Taco Cat is a classic that's palindromic to boot.

Be wary of too-long cat names A word on nomenclature length: Granting your furball a grandiose triple-barreled name is totally fine. Just make sure that the root of it can be easily shortened. A friend's cat is named Maximillian Jeffrey III. He's a distinguished tuxedo gentleman with a habit of fishing strawberry tops out of the trash. His full honorific is obviously a mouthful, so on a day-to-day basis he's known as Maxi. Ultimately, the best way to find the ideal name for your cat is to relax and stop overthinking it — even if that seems impossible with all the excitement a new kitty brings. Choose one that fits your cat's look and personality. Or you could choose from the nationwide list of top cat names for 2016: Bella, Max, Oliver, Luna, Lucy, Chloe, Charlie, Lily, Tiger, and Shadow. Other popular names include: (pop culture) Simba, Yoda, Buffy, Chewie; (sports) Jeter, Tiki, Ali, LeBron, Breez; (food) Cookie, Biscuit, Coconut, Bacon, Brie, Muffin; (flowers) Willow, Rose, Buttercup, Violet, Daisy, Poppy or Clover.

(Source: <http://www.catster.com>; November 30, 2017; retrieved 12/5/2017)



Hello, my name is Mikki. I am one of the sweetest boys you will ever meet. I am probably about 3-4 years old, though it is sometimes hard for those humans to tell. I was a stray and a very nice person brought me into

Kingdom Animal Shelter. I like other cats, and don't get upset by them. I am just a mellow fellow. I have a funny snaggle tooth on my right lower jaw, but my humans tell me it is quite endearing. I am FIV positive, which means I cannot go outside. But I don't think I would want to anyway...I really like a warm cozy peaceful place. If you would like to meet me, come to Kingdom Animal Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive in St. J Center. We are open Mondays, 6-8, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4-6, Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:30, and Saturdays noon to 3 and Sundays noon to 3. My humans who love me can tell you more about FIV.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 10 Valentine Spaghetti Dinner Unified Congregational (North) Church, St. Johnsbury, spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts; gift basket raffle, other raffle items like chocolates, flowers, etc. Watch for more details.



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