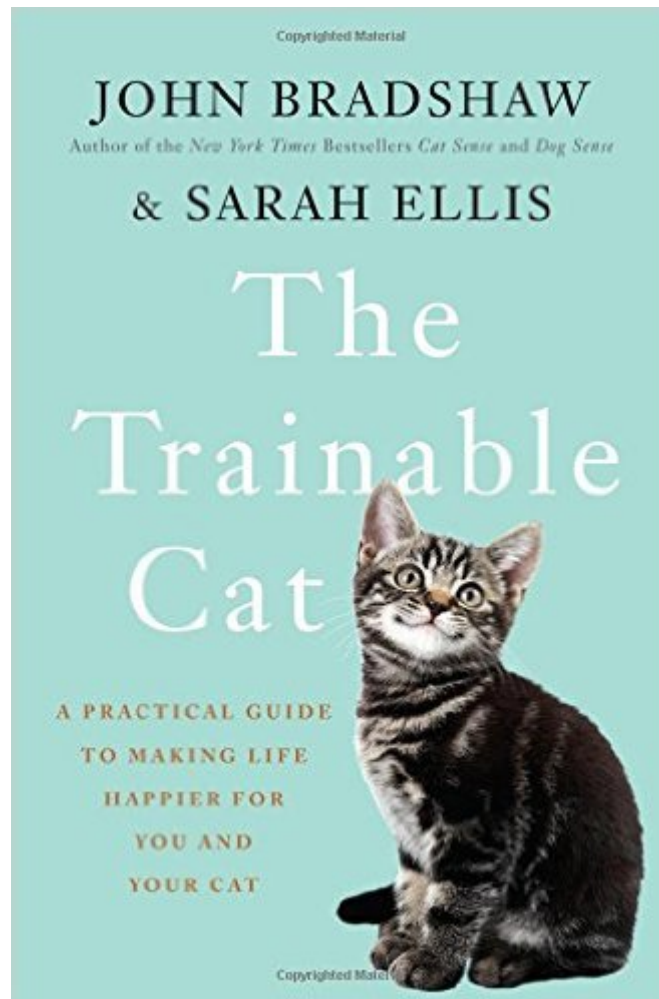


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# The Trainable Cat: A Practical Guide To Making Life Happier For You And Your Cat



## Synopsis

The idea of training rarely crosses cat owners' minds, and we often assume that cats can't and don't need to be trained. But in *The Trainable Cat*, bestselling anthrozoologist John Bradshaw and cat expert Sarah Ellis show that not only can cats be trained, but they absolutely must be in order to strengthen the bond between pet and owner, reduce their anxiety, and maximize their happiness. Twenty-first-century urban life can be taxing for cats who historically have been wild and solitary hunters, hostile to change and turmoil. Cats today are forced to live within the confines of cramped city apartments, in the company of unfamiliar people and other animals, and to travel in compact cat carriers. Such living conditions can create scared and angry cats; cats who spend hours hiding under the bed, abruptly bite their owners, or urinate in their houses when new pets are introduced; leaving owners scratched and disheartened. But a great deal of pet-owner discord can easily be prevented by simply training our cats. Once we understand our beloved pet's journey from wild predator to domesticated animal, we can train them to overcome their natural inhibitions, fears, and anxieties. Full of training tips and exercises for nearly every scenario; from introducing your cat to a new baby to helping cats deal with visits to the vet; *The Trainable Cat* is the essential bible for cat owners and lovers.

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For me, this was a disappointing purchase. The authors write in a semi-academic style. Black and white photos are only mildly informative or even relevant. Information may be there, but IMHO not all of it is relevant, and for many readers, may not be of particular interest. The format, except for

Chapter 3, is one you'd find in a novel. Most of the information that I would label 'practical' is contained in Chapter 3, "Our Training Philosophy: Mastering the key skills." (It was that chapter which led me to give this book 3 stars, rather than 2.) Chapter 3 is the practical chapter. It lists each of the 9 key skills, discusses each, and provides information re a practical task in a boxed format. Use the "Look Inside" feature, paying particular attention to the chapter headings. Click on at least one or two which you find of particular interest. This should bring up the beginning of the chapter. Reading that limited offering will allow you to better evaluate how the book provides you with information--and what will be expected of you, as the person in charge of training your particular cat. This book uses a paragraph format. There are few headings, except those in Chapter 3. Lots of background information, some theory, some speculation. In short, blah, blah, blah. If this format is something you like, you've found your book--but you'll find it hard to locate information later unless you mark the text in some way. Unfortunately, I did not. I'm a big fan of bullets and headers in books that purport to be practical. The books in the Dummies series are more to my liking. Check it out at the library if you're unsure. I wish I had been able to do so.

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