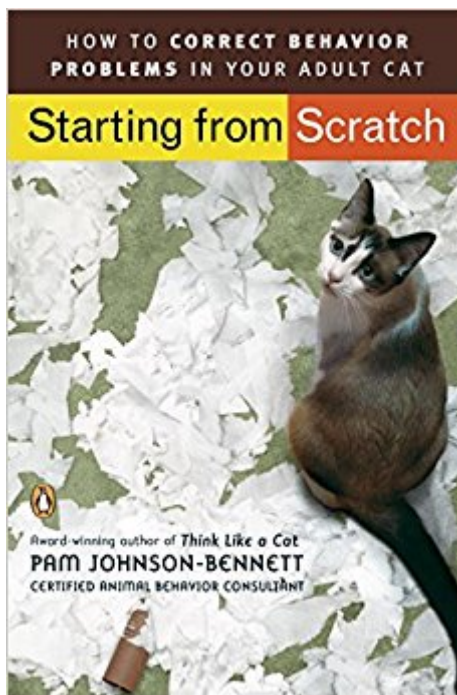




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# Starting From Scratch: How To Correct Behavior Problems In Your Adult Cat



## Synopsis

The award-winning author of *Think Like a Cat* tells how to turn problem cats into purr-fect pets Pam Johnson-Bennett, author of *Think Like a Cat* and host of Animal Planet UK's *Psycho Kitty*, is back to help readers bring out their pet's inner pussycat regardless of the cat's age. Geared specifically for cat parents of adult cats, be they recently adopted or long time family pets, this book illustrates how it's never too late to correct behavior problems. With her trademark wit and common sense, Pam covers every aspect of a cat's lifestyle, behavior, and environment and gives cat parents specific techniques to help seemingly set-in-their-ways cats change for the better. Authoritative and entertaining, *Starting from Scratch* is the next best thing to a house call from the world's top feline behaviorist.

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## Customer Reviews

"She's the queen of cat behavior!" - Steve Dale, author of *My Pet World* syndicated newspaper column "She can, in fact, work miracles with problem cats." -Pet Life Magazine

Pam Johnson-Bennett hosted the Animal Planet UK series "Psycho Kitty." She is best-selling author of 7 books on cat behavior. With a career that began in 1982, Pam is considered a pioneer in the field of cat behavior consulting. Pam was vice president of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants and the founder and longtime chair of the IAABC cat division. She served on the American Humane Association's Advisory Board on Animal Behavior and Training

and the American Humane Association Cat Health and Welfare Forum. She is also on the Advisory Board for Tree House Humane Society. She lectures worldwide at veterinary conferences and animal welfare organizations. Pam is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Winn Feline Foundation Media Award and the IAABC cat division award. In addition to her work with cats, Pam is the co-author of *Cookies for Dinner*. This book chronicles the funny and often embarrassing side of motherhood. The sequel to *Cookies for Dinner* is set for release in late 2015/early 2016. Pam owns Cat Behavior Associates, LLC. Website [catbehaviorassociates.com](http://catbehaviorassociates.com)

PJB really knows her cats! Having had 2 cats in residence nearly all of my adult life, I can say that the two books of hers that I've read have been invaluable. Understanding why the little darlins are doing what they're doing has made a big difference in how I treat them and how they respond to my treatment of them in return. This book is definitely worth a read even if you've accepted that little furball's idiosyncrasies; you might discover, as I did, that those idiosyncrasies are an adaptation to something that's seriously wrong and needs to be changed by YOU. Just a "for instance": my ten year old started refusing her evening wet food, a Major Cat Food Brand she'd been slurping up all her life. "Finicky Cat!" I thought, but went in search of a reason why and/or a substitute food. At which point I discovered the huge number of cat food recalls as well as the poor nutritional content of said Major Cat Food Brand. Turns out she's not a finicky cat, after all. Try the book for yourself, or one of PJB's other books more suitable to your issues with your cat. Definitely worth it!

Not only is this a great book for pleasure reading for cat owners (if you want to know how your cat works), but it also provides many guidelines and actionable steps to achieve the behavior that you want from your cat. I wish that I had this book when I had litterbox problems 2 cat generations ago. She lends insight into the cat's perspective that help you to see what you need to do, and why it's so important. I look forward to her future books.

This is an excellent book. I am thankfully not having problems with my cats but I am aware of the fact that at any point a problem could happen. It's when, not if. This book is full of information, some of which is basic cat care taking such as one litter box per cat, plus one extra box and place the boxes out of the main stream of traffic in the house. There is much more information that is not basic, but far more in depth such as how to change habits both right after they start and months later when you have finally realized the behavior won't go away on its own. There are no quick fixes in this book, most problems did not start overnight, they take as long to remedy them. A cat person

is dedicated to either working the problem out if possible or living with the issue if it can't be worked out. A person merely tolerating the cat won't have that type of patience and probably will not waste time, effort or money. I believe that this book can help educate cat people so they make their house as cat friendly as possible. A stressed cat is a problem cat waiting to happen. This book can help you before the cat even comes home. Cat rescues should be lending out this book to potential new adopters to help assist in setting up the house. Cats are easy to live with until something glitches, then it can be frustrating for everyone. Be prepared for trouble and you will be able to get the keeping the cats and humans on the same page. ( note, you will usually always need to compromise so resign yourself.)

Gave me great ideas to handle the induction of new kitties into an already older pet household. Also great for play ideas and for setting up perches for the cats. I certainly recommend this book for anyone who is having trouble with cat attitude. It will help understand and debunk preconceived notions about cat behavior. Unfortunately, my one cat who loves to eat cotton has not responded to any of the tips. I had her tested and she has no medical problems. It is all a behavior condition that she refuses to give up. Although it is becoming more rare than in the past.

This book gave me excellent solutions for deepening and strengthening my relationship with my cat. I had always felt bad to have her cooped up, but from the information in this book realized that she could become someone else's pet if she felt that she couldn't rely on us to provide for her. The worst could happen as well; she could become feral and succumb to all those risks as well. I have followed her advice and my cat has begun to feel happy staying in. Training techniques down to toys recommended have all been spot on.

Ms. Johnson-Bennett is the guru of kitty behavior. Having heard her speak as well as read all of her previous books, I was concerned that I would not learn anything new from this most recent volume but decided to purchase anyway. I was not disappointed as this book addressed many of the issues that confront multi-cat households. The author has profound insight into the feline psyche and her writing style is laced with humor and very readable.

This book was great. It gives information about how to deal with numerous behavioral problems. My cat had a tough time adjusting to a move to my new house. She was very anxious and was peeing everywhere. The tips in this book helped get comfortable in the new home - no more peeing outside

the litter box after I implemented the tips. I wish I had read this before the move. It would have saved me a lot of time and money, and my cats would have been much better off. Better yet, I wish I had read this book when my cats were kittens. I highly recommend it.

There are some really solid tips on animal behavior in this book. It's really helped me with my cat.

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