

Supplementary Material - Survey Questions

1. Do you still have this cat? (if no, ask to elaborate, see what category it best fits, then confirm with them)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No – rehomed on my own
 - c. No – surrendered to an organization
 - d. No – escaped
 - e. No – let it outside
 - f. No – died

2. Fearful
 - a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say “I don’t know” to any question.
 - b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem? You can also say “I don’t know” to any question (only asked when answer to ‘A’ was 2-5).

3. Playful
 - a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say “I don’t know” to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say “I don’t know” to any question (only asked when answer to ‘A’ was 2-5).

4. Active

- a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say “I don’t know” to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say “I don’t know” to any question (only asked when answer to ‘A’ was 2-5).

5. Aggressive to humans

- a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say “I don’t know” to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say “I don’t know” to any question (only asked when answer to ‘A’ was 2-5).

6. Affectionate

- a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say “I don’t know” to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say "I don't know" to any question (only asked when answer to 'A' was 2-5).

7. Vocal/talkative

- a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say "I don't know" to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say "I don't know" to any question (only asked when answer to 'A' was 2-5).

8. House soiling

- a. Please rate the presence of this trait in your cat from 1-5, with 1 meaning absent and 5 meaning extremely common. You can also say "I don't know" to any question.

- b. Would you consider this trait as a big problem, minor problem, or not a problem?

You can also say "I don't know" to any question (only asked when answer to 'A' was 2-5).

9. When you approach your cat, is he/she most likely to:

- a. Come towards you
- b. Stay in place
- c. Run away

- d. Already hiding
- e. I don't know

10. When a stranger approaches your cat, is he/she most likely to:

- a. Come towards them