

## Progress Monitoring Probe 15

### Cat Care

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Cats need to have regular checkups. A trip to the veterinarian each year can help keep your cat healthy. There are certain shots cats need to have. These shots prevent dangerous diseases. The vet can also look for problems with your cat's ears or skin. Most problems are easily treated if they are caught early.	46	57	69
Pet owners must choose among different kinds of cat food. A variety of dry cat foods are available to pet owners. By reading labels, owners can choose the one that is best for their cat. Some cats, though, are picky eaters and prefer canned food. This choice usually costs more than dry cat food, and it is not as easy to serve. Still, many owners are glad to pamper their picky pets. Along with good food, cats need plenty of fresh water. Owners should change the water in their cat's dish each day.	79	92	101
Pet owners can choose to keep a cat indoors. Sometimes a cat is allowed to explore outdoors if the cat is old enough and lives in a safe area. Indoor cats will need a litter box. The box should always be kept in the same place so that it is easy for the cat to find. It is important that the litter box be kept clean. Indoor cats also benefit from a scratching post. A good scratching post helps keep your cat from clawing at furniture or other items in the house. All cats should be checked regularly for fleas and ticks. Treatments are available for these problems. Some cats need to have their fur brushed to remove burrs.	112	124	137
	147	161	173
	184	194	206
	219	233	249
	262	273	285
	296	306	313

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