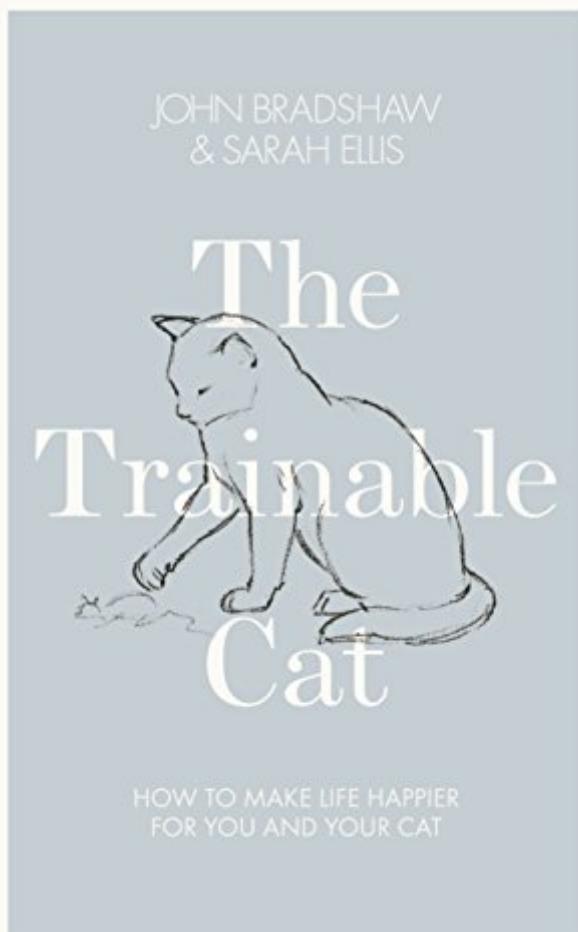


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# The Trainable Cat: How To Make Life Happier For You And Your Cat



## **Synopsis**

'Amazing' Guardian From the on-screen experts for BBC2's Cat Watch, and based on their groundbreaking research - this is the ultimate guide to making your cat a happier, more sociable animal. The idea of a trained cat is a contradiction in terms, isn't it? Naturally solitary, wary, easily threatened by newcomers, they are attached to place rather than people, and much of their 'antisocial' behaviour arises in situations where that attachment is threatened. But, as cat experts Sarah Ellis and John Bradshaw argue, such stress-induced behaviour can be prevented, reduced, even eliminated, by training. A comprehensive and engaging step-by-step guide, *The Trainable Cat* will help you to help your cat negotiate the complexities of everyday life: to enjoy living with humans - including new babies and lively toddlers - and other pets; to answer to their name; settle into a new home; and to overcome the anxiety of a visit to the vet. You can train your cat to do what is in its own best interests - even when its instincts tell it otherwise. 'I doubt you'll find a more well-informed or scientific book on cats that better shows you how feline thinking works' *The Times*

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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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