



Astrology for Cats: The Virgo Cat

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For as long as human beings have been recording their history and it seems the Sumerians have full credit for having created a system of writing and also mapping the heavens with their own special brand of astrology, we humans also seem to have been endlessly fascinated by cats and how we can better understand them. What is it that draws us so magnetically to domesticated cats and kittens? Could it be because they fit in our arms like a baby? Is it that magical purr or the mystery in their incredible all seeing eyes? What ever it is we can trace this fasciation back many 1000's of years.

It was thought historically that the Egyptians first domesticated cats some 4,000 years ago. However, French archaeologists have found evidence that our close relationship with cats may have begun even earlier.

Carefully interred remains of a human and a cat were found buried with seashells, polished stones, and other decorative artifacts in a 9,500-year-old grave site on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. This find, from a Neolithic village, predates the Egyptians by 4,000 years or more. The deliberate interment of this animal with a human makes a strong case that cats had a special place in the daily lives and in the afterlives of residents of the village where the remains were found. This particular cat was only eight months old at the time of its death, suggesting that it may have been killed to be buried with its human.

Wild cats were probably drawn to early human settlements, where grain stores attracted rats and mice. Cats were later used specifically to control these pests. This practice gave wild cats a plentiful supply of fresh food, and so began a mutually beneficial relationship between humans and cats.

Some experts believe that the Egyptians may have tamed and bred felines to produce a distinct species by the twentieth or nineteenth century b.c. Cats are frequently represented in Egyptian mythology in the form of the feline goddesses Bastet, Sekhmet, and other deities.

It is not a huge stretch of the imagination to gaze into our ancient rear view mirror and reflect that down through the ages what the ancients new of astrological archetypes could be used to help them better understand the cats who shared such an important role in their life.

Today, even though there are those that follow the stars closely, we don't necessarily need to use astrology to chart our daily life or that of our cats, but we may be interested in the twelve sun signs of the modern zodiac and their corresponding personality traits, as they apply to us today, and our interactions with our cats, and the very special relationship we have with them.

Astrology is much more than reading those daily newspaper horoscopes. It can be used as a healing science, especially when we explore homeopathy as a healing modality.

Understanding your cats specific traits is quite necessary to homeopathy and becomes like a muscle that needs to be exercised in order to develop its strength. We develop this muscle through observation and by staying in the moment with our cats and truly seeing them rather than just looking at them.

For hundreds of years, we've known that the seasons result from changes in the distance and angle of the sun's rays relative to the Earth, and that the phases of the moon affect the tides, the planting of crops, even the success of the fisherman. It isn't a big leap to suppose these variables affect all living things, including our cats.

The only way we can assist our cat companions in healing and cleansing their own bodies is to look for clues to appropriate natural remedies or methods of healing. The more aware we become of these feline traits and actions, the better equipped we'll be as their guardians.

YOUR CAT'S BIRTH SIGN

Beyond what their genetic blueprint imparts, the personalities among kittens born in the same litter tend to be quite similar, even when taking into consideration differences in sex and pecking order. Perhaps this is because they are born close together in time and share the same sun sign and several other planetary positions.

Though the serious astrological practitioner would develop a natal horoscope based on the exact time and place of the cat's birth, this isn't absolutely necessary for our purposes. The care, feeding, and spiritual well-being of our cats can benefit enormously if we simply learn about their astrological archetype.

If you don't know your cat's birthday or exact age, you could choose a sun sign to celebrate the day you adopted her or the sign closest to her in personality and likeness.

ASTROLOGY AND THE MODERN CAT

Throughout the ages, people have applied astrological principles to every aspect of their physical and spiritual lives. We can do the same for our cats for each of the sun signs! This is the season of the Virgo and it is the Virgo Cat that we will explore here:

VIRGO is ruled by Mercury, which maintains the nerves. Virgo cats are prone to infections. Virgo governs the bowels, intestines (and everything dependent on them), and solar plexus. This earth sign has an elementary quality of dry cold.

Though quick and alert, Virgos tend to be the most tranquil of all cats, their personality making them the most able to handle unfavorable conditions.

Even a Virgo cat has her limits, though, so try not to overload her. She can distress you and then exhibit her own contradictory feline moods, such as wanting to be on your lap but not willing to be held against her will. Win her trust by avoiding the use of force.

A Virgo cat is naturally friendly and has a warm disposition, but she can be irritable if you make fun of her. Perceptive and steadfast, she responds best to a gentle approach.

Like the Leo cat, Virgo will usually follow you all over the house as you do chores, content just to see you and be near you. She may be shy with visitors, but with family and regular visitors she won't be at a loss for meows. She tries to communicate with you with sound just as you do with words; listen with your heart as well as your ears.

A Virgo cat is so well mannered and easy to be with, you may tend to favor her. She'll announce herself to feline friends with a polite lick, meaning "May I join you?" If rebuffed, she'll retreat, so always be gentle and sensitive with this beautiful creature. She understands "no" very well and usually doesn't need or like to be scolded.

The Virgo cat loves routine and dislikes having the furniture moved, let alone her litter box or water bowl, so leave things where they are. However, being a Virgo, she'll adapt to change when necessary. Extremely clean and fastidious, the Virgo cat will groom herself proudly.

A Virgo cat would most likely love a friend, but don't buy a breed of cat larger than she is unless you introduce the new arrival as a small kitten.

Virgo likes to mother things smaller than herself, and she doesn't want her position to be usurped.

Inquisitive at all times, the Virgo cat must look in every drawer and cupboard, and she hates closed doors. She loves toys and exercise and delights in something new. She loves to have the run of the house to explore.

Virgo cats love to learn, and they often surprise us by mastering new tasks— such as walking on a leash or coming when called—on the first try. However, if you don't help develop Virgo's potential fully, she can become a sad little introvert.

Since a Virgo cat is a good traveler, consider taking her with you when you go on vacation. But to truly bring this about she should be trained to go for rides in the car as a kitten in a comfortably appointed carrier.

Virgo's are charming cats to live with and will truly carve out a very special place in your heart just as they have no doubt done for 1000's of years.