



# Dr. Kim's feline mews



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## Long Live Cats?

*The data is in! Fat Cats live longer!*

In essence - cats with a bit of chubbiness about them live longer than the skinny minnies. Fat cats also get more of the interesting diseases - but so far that seems to be correlated to ageing.

The longer you live, the more problems you get - old age just ain't for sissies as they say. So 'size 6' cats live longest, followed closely by the even chubbier 'size 7 and size 8' ! Now that WAS unexpected. Super-sized '9' and super slim '3 and 4' did not live as long. Dr Kim thinks it may be because cats don't share - so when they get sick, they hide, and live

on those reserves, so their relationship to 'fat' is different than for the social animals - humans, dogs, rats and mice. One more treat might not be as bad as is popularly believed.

*If you want to read the whole article - email us and Dr Kim can send it to you or find it here: [journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1098612X17752198](http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1098612X17752198)*

### LONGEVITY

- Crossbred cats:* 14 years
- Purebred cats:* 12.5 years
- Female cats:* 15 years
- Male cats:* 13 years
- Neutered cats:* 15 years
- Entire cats:* 11 years

BREED	MEDIAN (years)
Birman	16.1
Burmese	14.3
Siamese	14.2
Persian	14.1
Crossbred	14.0
British shorthair	11.8
Maine Coon	11.0
Ragdoll	10.1
Abyssinian	10.0
Bengal	7.3

