

Cats and Felines

People often use the terms "cat" and "feline" interchangeably, but these terms refer to different taxonomic ranks within the same group of carnivorous mammals. Specifically, "cat" acts as the common name for any member of the biological family Felidae. However, when we use the word "cat," we usually refer to the small domestic pet (*Felis catus*) that lives in our homes. How many of them can you put a name to?

			
Cougar (<i>Puma concolor</i>) or Mountain lion	Black panther (<i>Panthera pardus</i>)	Bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	Caracal (<i>Caracal caracal</i>)
			
Andean Mountain Cat (<i>Leopardus jacobita</i>)	Tiger (<i>Panthera tigris</i>)	Persian cat	Burmese cat
			
Siamese cat	Leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>)	Tabby cat	Jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>)
			
Clouded Leopard (<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>)	Eurasian Lynx (<i>Lynx lynx</i>)	Manx cat	Cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>)
			
Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)	Ocelot (<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>)	Snow Leopard (<i>Panthera uncia</i>)	Fishing Cat (<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>)