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How High Can Cats Jump?

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The Editor: I had a feral cat jump off the roof of a porch outside my apartment, many years ago, one story and run away without injury. So up or down they are pretty agile.

From: Chewy By Erica Puisis

"If you've ever watched your cat leap effortlessly onto a windowsill or scale a bookshelf in seconds, you've likely wondered—why do cats jump so much?

Jumping isn't just a fun pastime for cats; it's an essential part of how they explore instincts, cats rely on their powerful legs and sharp senses to take them to new heights—literally., stay safe, and stay active. From navigating their environment to satisfying their hunting instincts, cats rely on their powerful legs and sharp senses to take them to new heights—literally." ***Continued page 2***

Getting to Know Our Area Competition

Editor: I went searching for animal rescues expecting only to find maybe 10 or more in our area, but the Yelp map indicates over 22 rescues just in south eastern Montgomery County. I can remember only a few existed when I started working for Spay and Save after retiring in 2001. I cannot begin to list them all in this article but have include those I recognize on Yelp.

♥ **Paws Adoption Center Philadelphia Pa**

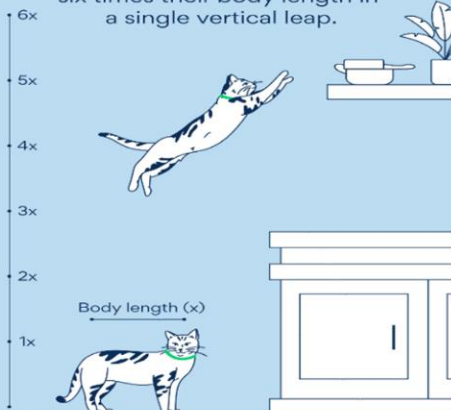
<https://phillypaws.org/>

We are working to make Philadelphia a place where every healthy and treatable pet is guaranteed a home. We do so through rescue, foster care, adoption, and preventing pet homelessness in the first place by offering low-cost spay/neuter and basic vet care.

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How high can cats jump?

Cats can typically jump five to six times their body length in a single vertical leap.



For perspective, that's like a 6-foot human leaping 36 feet straight up in the air!

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How High Can Cats Jump? Continued

Why Do Cats Jump?

"Cats jump as a way to navigate their environment," says Joey Lusvardi, CCBC, owner of Class Acts Cats in Minneapolis. "Oftentimes, they'll jump to explore or see if they can gather more information about their surroundings."

Some Common Reasons Cat's Jump Include:

- ♥ Seeking tall vantage points: Jumping up to high places is a behavior derived from their predator-prey instincts. Being high up allows a cat to watch for prey while also keeping an eye out for predators.
- ♥ Hunting: Pouncing on prey is an important part of the hunt.
- ♥ Playing: Jumping for wand toys or toy mice simulates hunting and provides much-needed physical exercise and mental stimulation.

How Can Cats Jump So High?

- ♥ If you've watched a cat effortlessly spring from the ground to a high perch or stick a perfect landing, you know that cats are basically furry acrobats.
- ♥ Dr. Cortright says a cat's impressive jumping ability comes from having powerful hindlimb muscles, a flexible spine, and a strong sense of balance.
- ♥ Before a cat jumps, you'll often see them crouch down—essentially loading their spring-like hind legs with energy for the leap.
- ♥ After launching, their flexible spine makes it possible to adjust in midair. If you pay close attention, you'll often see a cat's tail move as they land, acting as a counterbalance to keep them steady on their feet.
- ♥ Cats can jump about five to six times their body length in a single vertical leap ... If humans had the same jumping ability, a 6-foot person would be able to make a 36-foot leap—that's the height of a telephone pole!

Can All Cats Jump High?

Just like people have different athletic abilities, not all cats have the same jumping prowess. Some of the most common factors that impact cat jumping include:

- ♥ Age: Senior cats (those 7 years old or older) may be less motivated to jump up to a higher vantage point, either because of reduced muscle mass, discomfort, or other health conditions.

Jump Continued

- ♥ Health and body condition: Dr. Cortright says cats with arthritis, muscle weakness, or obesity may experience reduced mobility, which limits their jumping.
- ♥ Breed: A cat's physical attributes are related to breed. Some small cat breeds, especially those with proportionally shorter legs (like the Munchkin cat), may have a more limited vertical jump than athletic cats with longer bodies and legs (like the Abyssinian).

How To Help Your Cat Jump Safely

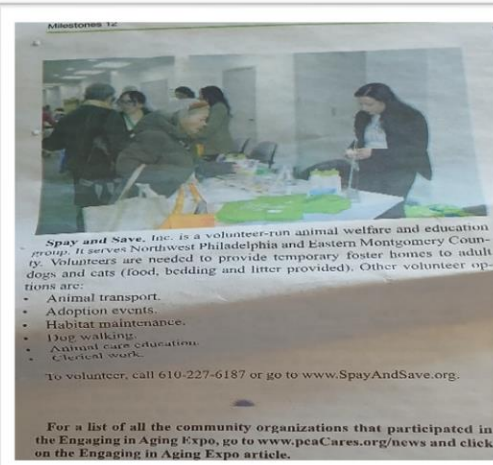
- ♥ Sometimes, cats can jump up into danger: onto countertops, onto a hot stove, or onto a shelf that can't quite hold all their weight.
- ♥ Offering safe and sturdy alternatives.
- ♥ It's better to focus on removing the motivation for the cat to jump or offering an alternative option that meets their need to climb nearby.
- ♥ Anchor a tall, well-built cat tree to your wall or mount cat shelves to offer a safe place to perch and exercise, too.

Happenings



LEFT: Dog Day at PETCO! On Saturday, May 16th, the dog division joined our cat adoptees and volunteers at the Royersford PETCO. From left to right, Paula Wenke, Jamie Aranow, Ginny Shaffer (dog division coordinator and treasurer), Natalie Coughlin and Jenn Marsh---all holding adorable puppies and a miniature husky who are just LONGING for homes. Please go to our website for more information: www.spayandsave.org

RIGHT: Spay and Save is in the latest edition of The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging Milestones Emailed to the Newsletter in APRIL for our attendance at an AARP event.



LEFT: On April 19th, Spay and Save participated in the annual Earth Day at the Upper Merion Township Building. We had a wonderful spot, almost at the start of the vendors, under a tree and everyone enjoyed spending time with the dogs. Spay and Save brought a large pit mix named Noodles, a gorgeous mini husky named Winter and a sweet chocolate lab mix pup named Wyatt. Hopefully, both Wyatt and Winter will be adopted from the event. Attendees from left to right: Ginny Shaffer, Melissa Hentz, Derek Hung, Cathy Natalini, Chris Daniels.

Getting to Know Our Area Competition

♥ **Main Line Animal Rescue in Chester Springs Pa** <http://www.mlar.org>

Main Line Animal Rescue receives no federal, state or local funding and relies exclusively on the generosity of people like you. By donating, volunteering or adopting, you can take action that helps turn an animal in need into a loving family member. As you explore our site, please consider the many ways you can open your heart to the pets we rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome.

♥ **Brandywine SPCA** <http://bvspca.org> **in West Chester**

Putting the human back in humane. We strive to end animal suffering and empower communities to find the heart in humanity. Adoption Fostering Volunteering Spay neutering are part of their portfolio and are now opening a site in Washington DC

♥ **Kitty Cottage** <https://www.kittycottage.org/> **in Norristown**

A Cage-Free, No-Kill Adoption Center For Kitties In Need.

♥ **Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals** <https://providenceac.org> **located in Wayne, Pennsylvania** is an Animal Shelter that provides temporary housing and care for stray, unwanted, and owner-relinquished animals including dogs and cats in Delaware County. A wide range of additional services may also be offered by the Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals.

Editor: Interesting, I did not find us listed as a rescue on any of the sites I surfed. Not even Yelp indicated our existence with a good or bad review. Maybe we need some volunteers or people who have adopted to place a review on Yelp. There is now a tremendous number of rescues in the area, and it would help to get us on the top of the list somehow. Even our name sake Spay N Save can be found there. We really should be in the top ten rescues in the area.

Frequent Questions About Cats Jumping

- ♥ **What is the maximum height a cat can jump?** Most cats can jump 8 to 9 feet high at most.
- ♥ **How high does a fence need to be to keep cats in?** Because many cats can jump 6 feet or more in a single leap, Lusvardi says a fence or pet gate should be at least 8 feet tall.
- ♥ **Can cats hurt themselves when jumping?** Yes, cats can hurt themselves when jumping. Dr. Cortright says sprains, fractures, and soft tissue injuries can happen, especially when a cat jumps from a great height, lands on a slippery surface, or misjudges a distance.
- ♥ **Do cats always land on their feet?** It's a myth that cats always land on their feet. While cats have what is known as a "righting reflex," which allows them to twist their body and land with their paws on the ground, it doesn't always happen. "They have to have time to flip over in the air," Lusvardi says. "Usually, a fall of at least 3 feet is necessary for it to happen."

Volunteer Community Corner

Editor: This posting was made on May 12th to the Mainline Neighbors website. Included were links to the Spay and Save website, Facebook page, and now the newsletter. At the time of this writing Cleo and Saucer are still available and looking for good homes. Contact Spayandsave.org or 6102776187 for additional information and to adopt.



House trained and crate trained, 11-month-old (could she be cuter?) Cleo is a terrier/schnauzer mix. She's a happy, loveable girl who enjoys roaming around the yard in her foster home. Cleo knows a few commands, learns quickly and is eager to please. Cleo is very strong and fast so a fenced-in yard is needed. Inside, she is a loyal companion, dependably nearby. Cleo will be about 40 pounds when fully grown. She is spayed, microchipped and up to date on all shots.

Saucer, a bright white and caramel kitten, was found wandering on the Coatesville streets. After a thorough medical exam and spaying, she's ready for a loving home. She is a playful kitty and very entertaining, but dogs don't work for this beauty. Saucer snuggles with her humans, admiring her soft kitten fur. Spay and Save specializes in adoptions to Montgomery, Chester, and Buck Counties.

Friday June 5 and Saturday June 6 – Flea Market – West Norriton

A **flea market** will take place on Saturday June 6 at Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church in West Norriton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will also have pets for adoption! We need people to set up and take down Friday, we need people during the flea market (from 9 AM to 2 PM). If you can help email Joan Carr at earthday1996@gmail.com

Administrative Help. We are looking for a volunteer to update our list of animal rescues in the area as well as our list of low cost spay/neuter clinics and who has Excel (the original document is typed in Excel).

About Kevin Flannery By Mary Beth Licata

About nine years ago, Wendy and Kevin (9 yrs old) came into the Pet Valu store to volunteer. Kevin, with the help of his mom, cleaned the cages, played with the kitties. Kevin helped to set up and break down cages during adoption events and talked to the customers about Spay and Save as they came into the store.

Once Kevin attended high school, Kevin's experience and knowledge grew and expanded. He also talked about the behavior of the kitties we had at the store, how to care for the cats and how to introduce the cat into their new home. It was so rewarding to see him mature into a caring, responsible, dedicated young man. Kevin provided a lasting contribution to our volunteers and his dedication to our organization.

When Ruh Ro's took over Pet Valu, Kevin continued to take care of the habitats. He was able to obtain a job at Giant next door to Ruh Ro's and during his break he would come into the store to check on the kitties. Kevin will be missed. We are so grateful for his contribution to providing love and care for our furry family.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event Location	Coordinators
1 st Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Alicia Ferraioli/Gaby Kraemer
2 nd Saturday Even Months	Paoli PETCO	A Slowik/S Goldberg
3 rd Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Madelyn Ferraioli
2 nd Saturday Odd Months	Perk Valley Pet Eatery	Susan Trombadore
4 th Saturday	Concord Pets Frazer	AWakil/S Sikra
5 th Saturday	TBA	TBA



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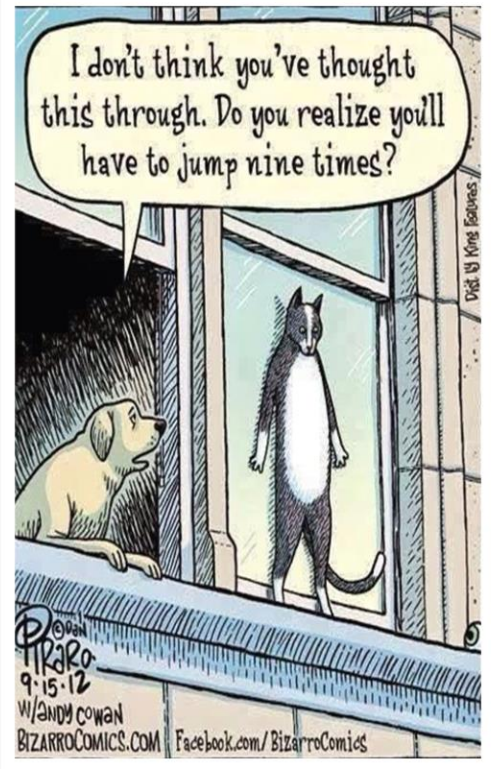


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