



Cat Experts Provide Lifeline to Blind Cats

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Each year, hundreds of cats lose their sight or become blind through injury or disease and some kittens can be born blind. In many cases the owners do not realise their cat is becoming blind until the condition is well developed and the diagnosis often comes as a shock. Now veterinary ophthalmologist, Natasha Mitchell, has written a book entitled 'Caring for A Blind Cat' to help cat owners struggling to cope with their cat's impairment. The book is the second in the series produced by the cat experts at www.catprofessional.com

The book is packed full of fascinating facts that will help people understand the condition. Most blind cats do adapt incredibly well and many owners feel that their cat reacts as if it still has some sight – even in cases where both eyes have had to be surgically removed. The book explains that because memory is well developed and the other senses are so acute, blind cats do adapt and can live a relatively normal life. There are lots of tips on adapting your home and garden, such as not using plug-in air fresheners at cat height because they can overwhelm the sense of smell that the cat will use to orientate itself.

The stories of five blind cats and the experiences of their owners are described in the book. Evie, Fluffy, Ginger, Seamus and Sugar live full and enjoyable lives and one of them

has even starred in her own You Tube video. The book is sure to inspire anyone who owns a blind cat with confidence that they will be able to cope. Now available as an environmentally friendly download or to purchase from the Cat Professional site.

Note to Editors

Cat Professional aims to provide cat owners and veterinary professionals with authoritative information, products and services. The series of publications 'Caring for a ...' also includes:

- Caring for a cat with Kidney failure, by Dr Sarah Caney, first published in 2008 and now available in German as well as English

Cat Professional Ltd was founded by Dr Sarah Caney, BVSc PhD DSAM (Feline) MRCVS, international specialist in feline medicine and one of only eight recognized experts in feline medicine in the country. Dr Caney is the perfect source of credible comment on all issues relating to cats. Her specialist areas of interest include feline hypertension (high blood pressure), kidney disease and infectious diseases. She has lectured to audiences including vets, breeders and cat owners all over the world. Editors can contact Dr Caney or Natasha Mitchell, the author of the book, through Companion Consultancy.