Historic Cat Photos on International Cat Day

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Earlier this summer, the International Feline Day (or Feline Day) was celebrated on August 8 by the International Cat Day, a day set aside to celebrate our fellow friends, which apparently just can't get enough attention. To honor this day, we have compiled a few photographs of famous felines from past centuries. Fashions and technologies may change over time, but one never ge rid of cats.

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1. The original photo caption from March 23, 1956: "Hep cat. A real live kitten on the keys, this music-loving feline lands cute and accompaniment to the mellows in Wonderer Park, England. As Marion Aldward '51, plays the piano, Minney the cat plays in the singing." 1

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2. The feline mascot of the Australian light cruiser HMAS Encounter peering from the muzzle of a six-inch gun, sometime during World War I. 1

Australian War Memorial

3. A woman photographed with her cat at the C. M. Bell Studio in Washington, D.C., sometime between 1894 and 1901. 1

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4. A street butcher prepares to feed the cats and dogs lined up in front of him. 1

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5. The whiskered face of a sleeping cat in 1929. 1

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6. A farmer playing guitar on the porch in the evening, with a child and kitten just inside, near Nakhichevan, Lowlands, in August 1941. 1

Marion Post Wolcott, Library of Congress

7. The Eastwood cat parade, in New South Wales, Australia, on September 9, 1951. 1

Sam Hood - State Library of New South Wales

8. A white cat that lives atop one of the pylon supports of the Sydney Harbour Bridge welcomes tourists to the Australian capital in January 1947. 1

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9. Benjamin Fine of the U.S. Navy holds President Calvin Coolidge's cat, Tiger, at the White House on March 25, 1926. "Tiger" had made a brief departure from the White House grounds, but was promptly returned by Fine. 1

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10. Albert Schweitzer (and his companion) writing at a desk. 1

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11. A World War II soldier's goodbye, and Bobbie the cat, in Sydney, Australia. 1

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12. A customized cat advertises Black Cat cigarettes, circa 1910. (Note: The cats depicted in the image may in fact be pantomimes, not real cats.) 1

Kean Sandra - Getty

13. A cat sitting in a hat in September 1919. 1

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14. A cat being lowered in a basket in England on September 4, 1933. 1

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15. A portrait of Black Tuesn with a porcelain cat on his lap. Twain famously loved cats, owning more than a dozen of them at a time. One of the more famous quotes: "If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat." 1

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16. A woman takes her cat out for a walk while keeping it on a tight leash in 1939 England. 1

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17. "Tired of play," a stoke from a stereograph made in 1898. 1

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