

The Most Misunderstood Feline: The Black Cat



Black cats have received mixed reviews throughout history.



In ancient Egypt, black cats were revered because they resembled the cat goddess, Bastet.

During the Middle Ages, black cats were slaughtered, thought to be a witch's familiar, associated with Satan.



Black cats are a Halloween symbol in the United States. For the superstitious, black cats are unlucky and often the last to be adopted from shelters.



Iceland's black Yule Cat snatches unruly children.



Japanese see a black cat as bringing good luck.



Even ailurophiles (cat lovers) portray the darker side: "The Black Cat" by Edgar Allan Poe; Pablo Picasso, *Cat Killing a Bird*



England's black cats are symbolically lucky.



Lucky black cat owners know they make companionable and fun pets!