Interview #1

Interviewee: Participant #1
Interviewer: Camille Coopwood

Date: February 12, 2026
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Modality: E-mail questionnaire

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Preliminary Cat Questions

What is your cat's name?
Gene [redacted]
What is your cat's physical appearance? (age, fur color/length, eye color, etc.)
7 years old, tuxedo cat with white chin & chest hair & 2 white mittens, green eyes, 14.6 lbs & on a treat deficit for weight loss of 1-2 lbs
Is your cat currently in good health?
Gene has an annual vet exam & is in great health

Extra Cats

Name: Percy [redacted]
Appearance: black long hair, 12 years old, green eyes
Health: in good health for his age, has slowed down, still very affectionate

Name: Perry [redacted]
Appearance: brown-grey tabby short hair, 10 years old, green eyes
Health: in good health, needs to lose weight, ornery disposition

Cat Behavior

What is your cat's general personality like?
Gene exhibits stereotypical cat traits: zoomies like clockwork in the evening after dinner, close proximity to humans but not overly affectionate - sitting on back of sofa while human is reading, napping on loveseat while human is working on a puzzle, adorably leaves toys for territorial reasons or to show endearment - in food bowl or on bed
He is a joy to have in our family, adding interest to the day without causing any problems.
Does your cat get scared or startled easily?
Gene is skittish, if someone or another pet walks too closely nearby, he will dart away. If a guest or worker comes to the house, he will hide until they are gone.
Is your cat usually curious?
Gene is a curious cat, he likes to play with toys. He explores the house by opening cabinets, usually at night.
What are your cat's eating habits? (What is their current diet, do they eat on a regular basis, do they eat all their food, are they food motivated, etc.)
Gene is fed moist food twice a day, around 7am & 5pm. It consists of Fancy Feast moist food topped off with Delectables puree & he eats most of what he is served. Temptations treats are served between meals, these are well-received and enjoyed.
What are your cat's playing habits? (Do they play alone, with owner, do they play frequently, at what time(s), etc.)
Gene likes to play with toys, usually on his own. He does engage in evening zoomies by chasing other cats.
Do you have any concerns over your cat's current behavior?
Gene is aging and slowing down, he used to do this "hopping" motion to and from, it is now nonexistent.

Cat Hydration Habits

What are your cat's drinking habits?
Gene drinks water as needed. He does not seem overly thirsty.
How do you currently give your cat water? (Bowl, fountain, running water, etc.)
Water bowls are provided, one in the laundry room near the food bowl, a second on the outdoor screened in patio - iced water is provided in warm weather.
Do you believe that your cat is receiving enough hydration?
Gene is receiving enough hydration, he is showing no signs of illness - panting, urinating problems.
Do you ever observe your cat drinking water? Either deliberately or in passing?
I occasionally will see Gene drinking from both bowls, when I do I try to walk by slowly as Gene can be skittish.
Does your cat's personality or behavior affect their hydration habits? (Does owner believe that…?)

I don't think Gene's behavior affect his hydration habits, he is not active enough nor is he allowed outside. If he is in hot weather on the patio, ice water is provided.

Do you utilize any alternative methods to give your cat hydration? (wet food, broths, purees, etc)

Gene is given wet food and puree in order to provide hydration.

Have you had any concerns with your cat and their hydration?

Gene was not drinking enough water when he suffered from recurrent u.t.i.s (urinary tract infections) He was taken to the vet to have his urethra blockages cleared.

Has your cat ever experienced any health issues related to hydration/dehydration?

Gene suffered from recurring u.t.i.s, eventually leading to possible loss of life if his kidneys would stop functioning. If this continued, Gene's body would eventually give out. This traumatic event led to the life saving Perineal Urethrostomy (P.U.) surgery for Gene. It was a major surgery with a 2 day hospital stay, a significant incision & 10 day recovery time at home. It was a success.

Have you tried any other methods of giving your cat water outside what was mentioned before?

- **If so, how did the cat respond to the new/alternate method?**
- **If not, what method would you think about using?**

Cat water fountains have been tried, to no success. I have considered adding another water bowl.

Is there anything else you want to say regarding your cat?

Gene has been a great addition to our family. He was rescued by 3 moms from a busy street in [redacted] & he was a welcomed surprise. He gets along with the other pets & has his own quirky personality & the regal look of a tuxedo cat. I am grateful he adopted us.

Interview #2

Interviewee: Participant #2
Interviewer: Camille Coopwood

Date: 2/17/2026
Time: 12:07 PM
Modality: In-Person

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Consent given at this time.

Preliminary Cat Questions

What is your cat's name?
Strawberry

What is your cat's physical appearance? (age, fur color/length, eye color, etc.) -
Yellow/green eyes, Medium length hair, brown and black tabby. Year ½ in age (20 months)

Is your cat currently in good health? - Yes

Extra Cats

Name:
Appearance:
Health:

Name:
Appearance:
Health:

Cat Behavior

What is your cat's general personality like?
Very cuddly, people person, social, not really scared, likes attention, very playful and vocal, kinda stupid, but clever, her favorite snack is plastic

Does your cat get scared or startled easily?
Does not think so, outside of true unexpected noises

Is your cat usually curious?
Is very curious, gets herself stuck in situations, likes to open cabinets and doors.

What are your cat's eating habits? (What is their current diet, do they eat on a regular basis, do they eat all their food, are they food motivated, etc.)
Breakfast at 6am, dry food dinner at 6-8 pm wet fish flavored food, is not particularly food motivated, eats wet food quicker (within the hour) than dry food

What are your cat's playing habits? (Do they play alone, with owner, do they play frequently, at what time(s), etc.)
She plays alone with her toys, pounces on them, individual toys and ribbon, does play with Trinity and roommates at least once a day

Do you have any concerns over your cat's current behavior?
Not really, trying to break love bite habits.

Cat Hydration Habits

What are your cat's drinking habits?
Not entirely sure, wet food substitutes some water consumption, water bowl might be filled once a day or once every other day, does not like when water bowl runs low

How do you currently give your cat water? (Bowl, fountain, running water, etc.)
Uses a bowl, does not like running water

Do you believe that your cat is receiving enough hydration?
Thinks so, no issues with bathroom or health

Do you ever observe your cat drinking water? Either deliberately or in passing?
Rarely sees her drink water, bowls are hidden from general sight.

Does your cat's personality or behavior affect their hydration habits? (Does owner believe that…?)
Cat hates water and there might be some correlation, but not enough to affect health

Do you utilize any alternative methods to give your cat hydration? (wet food, broths, purees, etc)
Wet food once a day

Have you had any concerns with your cat and their hydration?
When cat was initially adopted, wet food only diet as she was a kitten, did not drink much water because of wet food

Has your cat ever experienced any health issues related to hydration/dehydration?
No reported health issues under Trinity's care

Have you tried any other methods of giving your cat water outside what was mentioned before? - Yes, has tried running the sink

- **If so, how did the cat respond to the new/alternate method? -** Got scared and ran away
- **If not, what method would you think about using?**

Is there anything else you want to say regarding your cat?
N/A
-once had an issue of peeing on [Participant]'s stuff due to stress

Interview #3

Interviewee: Participant #3
Interviewer: Camille Coopwood

Date: 2/17/2026
Time: 6:10 PM
Modality: In Person

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Consent given at this time

Preliminary Cat Questions

What is your cat's name? - Ari (nickname) Arigato Gozaimasu [redacted]

What is your cat's physical appearance? (age, fur color/length, eye color, etc.)
Dark gray 5 month kitten, very lengthy, long hair coat

Is your cat currently in good health?
She is now, had a stomach bug the previous week (from the day of interview)

Extra Cats

Name:
Appearance:
Health:

Name:
Appearance:
Health:

Cat Behavior

What is your cat's general personality like?
Territorial, playful (kitten), teething (bites a lot), curious, responds best to sound stimuli

Does your cat get scared or startled easily?
She used to, but not much anymore, most responsive to sounds

Is your cat usually curious?
Yes, she approaches and taps with cautions, and sounds

What are your cat's eating habits? (What is their current diet, do they eat on a regular basis, do they eat all their food, are they food motivated, etc.) -
Eats every morning at 8 am, and every dinner at 6, and grazes throughout the day ¼ cup per meal, just dry food

What are your cat's playing habits? (Do they play alone, with owner, do they play frequently, at what time(s), etc.) -
Plays alone and with [Participant], goes to scratching post before going to play with toys, oriented towards sound based toys

Do you have any concerns over your cat's current behavior?
When she was sick, going to the bathroom outside of the litter box, and [Participant] had to use positive reinforcement to get Ari to use the litter box again. Very stressed, confused and angry when sick. Used pheromone diffuser while sick.

Cat Hydration Habits

What are your cat's drinking habits?
When initially adopted, could not get to drink water, used wet food w/ water to ensure hydration. Took weeks to realize that sink would work, switched to fountain early in January. Likes running water.

How do you currently give your cat water? (Bowl, fountain, running water, etc.)
Running water fountain.

Do you believe that your cat is receiving enough hydration?
Yes, bathroom habits are healthy

Do you ever observe your cat drinking water? Either deliberately or in passing?
Yes, cat does not care for being watched

Does your cat's personality or behavior affect their hydration habits? (Does owner believe that…?)
No, but when traveled to another house she had hard time with water situation

Do you utilize any alternative methods to give your cat hydration? (wet food, broths, purees, etc)
Nope

Have you had any concerns with your cat and their hydration?
Once the sink/running water was figured out then it was no longer

Has your cat ever experienced any health issues related to hydration/dehydration? -
Does not know what the cause of the bacterial infection was, but suspects it was food related.

Have you tried any other methods of giving your cat water outside what was mentioned before? - No

- **If so, how did the cat respond to the new/alternate method?**
- **If not, what method would you think about using?**

Is there anything else you want to say regarding your cat? - N/A
Cat is living her best life.

Interview #4

Interviewee: Participant #4
Interviewer: Camille Coopwood

Date: 2/18/2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Modality: In-Person

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Consent is given.

Preliminary Cat Questions

What is your cat's name?
Strawberry

What is your cat's physical appearance? (age, fur color/length, eye color, etc.)
Gray/brown tabby, green eyes, domestic shorthair, brown/golden stripes, 1 ½ years old

Is your cat currently in good health?
Yes

Extra Cats

Name: Piper
Appearance: Brown tabby, small, gold eyes, shorthair, eight years old
Health: Yes

Name: Flynn
Appearance: Big orange tabby, 13 pounds of fluff, medium hair, gold eyes

Health: Yes

Cat Behavior

What is your cat's general personality like?
Playful, likes attention, likes to perch, self initiated play
Flynn: easy-going, tolerant, thinks he is a dog, likes to watch birds, likes to go into car and cat backpack, very cuddly
Piper: reserved, more skittish, very clean, wants attention on her terms

Does your cat get scared or startled easily?
Piper does, the others not really
Strawberry is chill

Is your cat usually curious?
Yes, all are relatively curious

What are your cat's eating habits? (What is their current diet, do they eat on a regular basis, do they eat all their food, are they food motivated, etc.)
Strawberry - fed twice a day, night is wet food, morning is dry food, loves her food, will cry for it
Piper and Flynn have access to food all day, graze on food, Flynn will come when food is replenished, do not have overeating habits

What are your cat's playing habits? (Do they play alone, with owner, do they play frequently, at what time(s), etc.)
Will play alone and with owners, is pretty active
Piper likes wand toys (does not play alone)
Flynn will bat around a spring on his own (does not understand owner play)
[redacted] cats get into sibling skirmishes

Do you have any concerns over your cat's current behavior?
Strawberry likes to eat things she is not supposed to.

Cat Hydration Habits

What are your cat's drinking habits?
Gets water in a bowl that is refilled daily, does not drink too much
Piper and Flynn have a water fountain (Piper really likes the water fountain) Flynn will drink out of fountain and still water bowls

How do you currently give your cat water? (Bowl, fountain, running water, etc.)
Water fountain - [redacted] Cats

Bowl - Strawberry

Do you believe that your cat is receiving enough hydration?
Piper and Flynn, yes
Not sure on Strawberry (maybe?)

Do you ever observe your cat drinking water? Either deliberately or in passing?
Has never seen strawberry drink water. The [redacted] cats, yes Piper puts water on paw and wipes her face.

Does your cat's personality or behavior affect their hydration habits? (Does owner believe that…?)
Bc Piper is skittish, if water source is not considered safe, then she may not drink

Do you utilize any alternative methods to give your cat hydration? (wet food, broths, purees, etc)
Strawberry gets wet food

Have you had any concerns with your cat and their hydration?
Strawberry has had an issue with peeing on the owner's things.

Has your cat ever experienced any health issues related to hydration/dehydration?
Maybe? See above about Strawberry

Have you tried any other methods of giving your cat water outside what was mentioned before? - Does not think so

- **If so, how did the cat respond to the new/alternate method?**
- **If not, what method would you think about using?**

Is there anything else you want to say regarding your cat?
Loves her cat.