



Cat Video Fest Fact Sheet

Welcome to the Cat Video Fest relaxed screening.

This fact sheet has key information about the film and the cinema that you may find useful and interesting. Enjoy the film!

Key Information:

date:	Saturday July 2
time:	4:00 PM
location:	Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema
address:	506 Bloor St. West, Toronto, M5S 1Y3
length of film:	1:12:22

General things to know:

- The Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is on the North side of Bloor St. Between Albany & Bathurst.
- The closest transit station is Bathurst.
- If you are dropping someone off, you cannot drop off in front of the cinema as there is a bike lane, but you can drop off on Albany St. Around the corner.
- There is a Green P Parking lot on Lippincott St. - please come prepared to pay to park.
- The box office opens at 12:30 PM on Saturday July 2 - the box office takes cash, debit and credit.
- There is another documentary screening prior to Cat Video Fest. It lets out at 2:37 PM and the audience for Cat Video Fest will not be let in until the audience from this film is clear of the building.
- The lobby to the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema will open at 3:30 PM
- The screening begins at 4:00 PM

- The cinema for Cat Video Fest will open as soon as the lobby opens, at this time the ushers will open the doors and let people into the lobby.
- The ushers will scan your tickets once you are in the lobby (where the tiled floor meets the carpet).
- The seating is assigned, that means that you pick your seat when you purchase your ticket. - please do not take a seat claimed by someone else or one that is in the accessible rows unless you or someone in your family/group is a wheelchair/mobility device user and/or needs these seats.
- Rows J&K in both the orchestra/upper balcony are reserved and can be used if you wish to change your seat during the screening.
- Locations for wheelchair users and their guests are located halfway down on the main floor on either side of the cinema.
- There are two floors to the cinema, the main floor is accessible, the balcony/mezzanine is not.
- There is one accessible washroom on the main floor - this washroom does not have a button for the door so some patrons may require a caregiver to open/close the door for them.
- Washrooms are located upstairs in the lobby of the balcony/mezzanine.
- Washrooms are all gender inclusive - meaning you may use whichever washroom you feel most comfortable using, there may be people of seemingly different genders to you in the same washroom - this is ok, everyone is in there to use the washroom.
- There are paper towels in the washroom and the soap dispensers are automatic, please note that in the stalls only washroom there are sanitary caddies which can open automatically if you put your hand over or too close to them - do not be shocked! - they will close automatically too.
- The stairs in the balcony are original to the building and as such are not even, please watch carefully when walking between rows in the balcony.
- The railing at the front of the balcony is about 2.5-3 feet high, so quite low, please be careful in this area.
- The seats in the balcony have lower backs than the seats on the main floor.
- Some of the seats in the balcony are a little wider than others, they are about 1.5 seats wide.
- The concession is on the main floor and will be open - they take cash, debit and credit.
- There is a water fountain opposite the entrance to the main floor of the cinema.
- Outside food is allowed into the cinema.
- During the screening the house lights will remain on at a low level.
- Sound will be turned down slightly for this screening.
- No trailers will be shown prior to the start of the Cat Video Fest screening, but there is a pre-show reel (which is captioned and played at a low sound level) playing when you enter.
- Before the documentary begins, an announcement will be made from the stage.

- During the screening audience members are welcome to move around and leave the cinema if needed.
- Audiences are encouraged to express themselves naturally and authentically during the screening.
- A quiet space has been designated for this screening, an usher can direct you there if needed (it is in the lobby on the main floor - by the benches).
- If you need help at any time, the volunteers/ushers are in red t-shirts and they are there to help.

Film Synopsis:

Cat Video Fest is a collection of videos about cats. The film has been divided into categories much like a film festival would be. The film shows the love people have for cats and some of the silly, fun, cool and exciting things that cats do.

Sensory moments in, and fun things about, the film:

(all timings are approximate and in brackets after the note)

- Cat Video Fest is a collection of cat videos edited together to make one long “festival” of cat videos.
- The videos are short - most are well under 1 minute each, except the videos in the Documentary section which are longer.
- Each of the videos is filmed by a different person, on a different device and in a different format.
- Many of the videos seem to have been filmed on cell phones. This means that sometimes the videos fill the entire screen and at other times they will be in the centre of the screen with black boxes on either side of the video (it depends which way the person was holding their phone). The format changes constantly during the documentary, please be prepared for this.
- Some of the videos have captions on them, some do not.
- In some videos there is music, in others there is not - music is used to heighten the feel of the video - if it is dramatic then the music may seem dramatic too, light music might be used in a comedy or light-hearted video.
- Sometimes the cats will meow or purr or cry.
- No cats are being harmed in the films.
- The films are all made by people who love cats.
- Sometimes the voices of the human in the video or filming the video can be heard.
- Many different languages are spoken in Cat Video Fest. Some sections are translated into English and some sections are not.
- Sometimes other animals are in the videos too.
- Some videos are funny, others are cute, and others are dramatic - you may feel many different emotions during the documentary.

- Cat Video Fest is broken into categories or genres (Drama, Comedy etc.), like a film festival would be.
- The title of the category will appear on a film clapperboard (usually a black and white board that has the title of the scene and the take number written on it, someone raises the “arm” and claps it down saying “action” to start filming).
- The first category is Drama.
- In one of the videos the narrator (who we do not see) is speaking French. The captions are in English. (3:22)
- There is a video of a man playing guitar and a cat “singing”! (5:26)
- There is a video of a man rescuing a cat from a body of water (it appears to be a river or canal) with a box on a string. This can seem a bit scary, don’t worry the cat is fine and the video is short and will be over quickly. (7:38)
- Soon after the rescue, there is a video of a cat with prosthetic legs - watch how the cat walks on their new legs! The captions tell the cat’s story. The cat is living a happy life in the video. (8:36)
- There are close-up images of the cat’s legs and prosthesis in the video - these pass quickly.
- A cat jumps from the top of a Christmas tree to a high window, the narrator seems very concerned that the cat will not make it - they do and they are safe. (12:21)
- The second category is Action/Adventure. (13:00)
- A cat closes the hatch/trunk of a car while someone is sitting in it. The hatch/trunk closes on the person. (13:18)
- There is a video where it seems like the cat is shown in a mirror - there are many images of the cat. (13:41)
- Have you seen cats who like to swim before?
- How many cats live in this one house?! Can you tell? (18:00)
- There is a video of blind cats. Have you ever known a blind cat? (19:04)
- Wow! Look how far the cat can jump! (20:20)
- There is a video of an animal shelter in Ukraine, during the video there is mention (via captions/titles) of the war, bombs and bomb shelters. (23:44)
- There is a section called Cat GIFS - the same music plays under the videos in this section. (25:04)
- In two videos, cats attack (playfully) the dogs in their lives. (27:10)
- A puppy gets stuck in the fence/gate trying to get to its kitten friend, the kitten helps it through the fence/gate. (28:04)
- The next category is called Documentary. (32:04)
- The videos in this category are slightly longer than the previous ones.
- This category starts with another cat rescue, as in the last rescue video, the cat is rescued and cared for. (32:06)

- Mention of homeless and abandoned cats. (36:26)
- The next video is of security people working at a large black and gold gate, in this video there are guns (none are fired, but one person carries a rifle over their shoulder, they are very friendly and kind to the cat). (39:07)
- The next video is of the sounds that big cats make. (40:32)
- During the big cat video the animals are shown in enclosures, this means they are in protected areas, not living free in their natural habitat. All of the big cats look well cared for and well fed.
- A lot of really interesting information on big cats is given in the video.
- There is a section from the county of Turkey. This section focuses on how much cats are loved in Turkey. (46:14)
- During the Turkey section, there are many videos of cats at train stations on the ticket machines.
- A cat walking the runway of a fashion show! Very cool. (47:52)
- Tombili the cat, and the statue of her, is featured. Even the mayor of the town talks about how special she is! (49:45)
- More Cat GIFS - the same music plays under the videos in this section. (52:09)
- The first video in this section shows a cat jumping many times. Can you count how many times it jumps? (52:12)
- A kitten plays with a dog's wagging tail. (53:01)
- What is that napping with the cat? (53:35)
- There is a video of a cat on a rooftop, it jumps to a red brick wall. There is a spot in the wall that that cat lands on and crawls through. It is safe. (56:22)
- The next category is Comedy. (58:50)
- A cat is given their medicine. (1:01:33)
- There is an animated video. It is called 'Simon's Cat in Cast Adrift'. (1:03:53)
- A person plays piano. This video is a little louder than previous videos. (1:07:51)
- A cat jumps on the piano while the person plays and shuts the lid onto hands of the player. (1:07:58)
- A cat sits next to an automated cat toy. The toy has a laser and a stick with a feather on the end of it. The toy rotates and as it does it smacks the cat in the head with the stick holding the feather. The cat does not seem bothered or hurt by the toy. (1:08:57)
- The words THE END come up on the screen and there is louder music. (1:10:55)
- Bright flashes are shown on screen as the words change in the credits
- The last line of the credits is "Now go home and hug your cats!"
- The film is now over.
- We hope you enjoyed the film!

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