



DRINK IN AMERICA'S TOP CAT CAFES

Kitties, coffee and feline-themed fun — the internet is no longer the only meet-up in town for cat lovers. **BY SANDY ROBINS**

Not only do cat cafes provide a fur fix for cat lovers and a wonderfully conducive setting for finding a new furry family member, but they've become great meeting places to enjoy some real cat-centric events, too. So, if you feel like doing yoga with cats, painting a feline portrait, enjoying a fun movie with a cat on your lap and, of course, looking to meet your next BFF (best furry friend), check out our list. And on the uber-good side, collectively these cat cafes have found several thousand cats forever homes, and the numbers continue to grow.

CALIFORNIA

♥ **Crumbs and Whiskers**

7924 Melrose Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90046

Hours: Monday and Tuesday —
11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Thursday through Sunday —
11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

crumbsandwhiskers.com

Kanchan Singh opened her first cat café in Washington D.C., and, following its success, this second one here in Los Angeles. Feline yoga is popular in both locations, and so are trivia nights focusing on topics such as Harry Potter and Disney.

♥ **The Cat Cafe**

472 Third Ave.

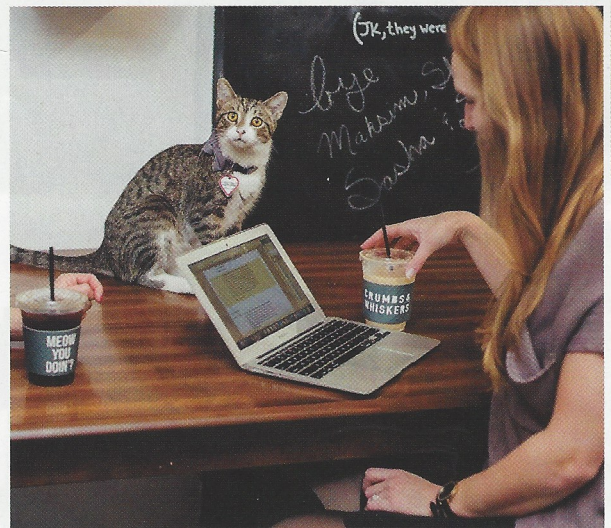
San Diego, CA 92101

Hours: Daily — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

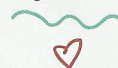
catcafesd.com

This feline establishment, with its full selection of coffee drinks, is located in the down-

town marina district of the city, and, like most cat cafes, also takes reservations to ensure that it's not too overcrowded at certain times.



Crumbs & Whiskers,
Los Angeles, California &
Washington, D.C.





♥ **Cat Town Cafe**

2869 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94611

Hours: Wednesday through Saturday —
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mondays and Tuesdays for adoptions,
appointment only

cattownoakland.org

This was the first permanent cat cafe to open in the U.S. The Port of Oakland's cargo cranes and dock area are the inspiration for the interior design of the Cat Zone, and the cat play structures are based on buildings from the downtown Oakland skyline. The cafe also features a rotating cat-centric art gallery and a variety of cat-focused merchandise available for purchase.

COURTESY KIT TEA



Kit Tea,
San Francisco,
California



♥ **KitTea**

96 Gough St.
San Francisco, CA 94102
Hours: Mondays —
12 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday
— 12 to 7 p.m.
Friday — 12 to 8 p.m.
Saturday — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Closed Tuesday

kitteasf.com

When it comes to events, Saturday morning cartoons are becoming very popular at KitTea. Visitors are encouraged to come in their PJs, and the cafe sets up a cereal “bar” featuring three classic cereals served with whole or soy milk. According to founder Courtney Hatt, the idea is that visitors make a bowl of their favorite cereal and then curl up with a cat to enjoy an hour of cartoons and old commercials ranging from the 1940s to the early 90s.



COLORADO

♥ **Denver Cat Company**

3929 Tennyson St.
Denver, CO 80212



Hours: Sunday through
Thursday — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday — 10
a.m. to 8 p.m.

denvercatco.com

According to owner Sana Q. Hamelin, her cafe is the only one in the country where food and drink options are not sold separately but incorporated into the cat lounge.

“We are also one of the few that allow walk-ins and don’t limit cat time, but we try to stagger departures and arrivals especially when cats are adopted out and we have to integrate new arrivals into the cafe,” she explained. There are about 12 feline residents at any one time.



FLORIDA

♥ **Orlando Cat Café**

532 Cagan Park Ave.
Clermont, FL 34714
Hours: See website for cafe hours.

Play area: Tuesday through
Sunday — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Monday.

orlandocatcafe.com

While you are ordering your



COURTESY THE PURRRINGTON CAT LOUNGE

coffee, you can see the cats at play through a large viewing window and then of course go and join them in the Kitty Play area. The cafe hosts a variety of events and recently hosted a book-signing party for author and cat behaviorist Pam Johnson-Bennett.

NEW YORK

♥ **The Brooklyn Cat Cafe**

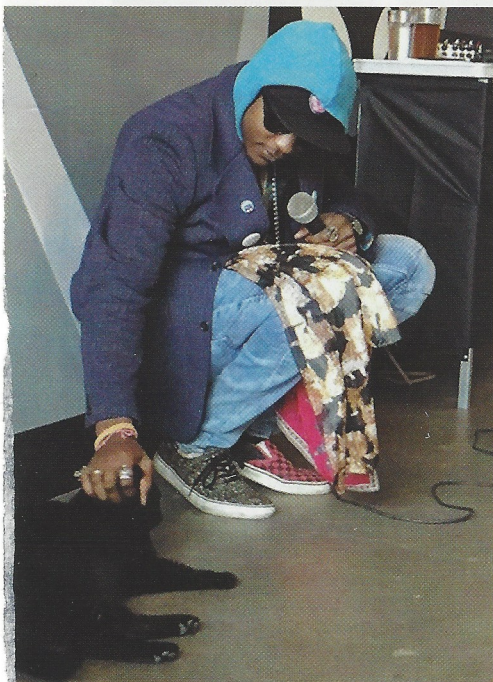
149 Atlantic Ave. (between
Clinton and Henry)
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Hours: Monday and
Thursday — 1 to 8 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday
— 1 to 7:30 p.m.



COURTESY CAT TOWN

Cat Town Cafe
& Adoption,
Oakland, California





The Purrington Cat Lounge, Portland, Oregon



Saturday and Sunday — 11 to 7:30 p.m.

Closed Tuesday
catcafebk.com

If you enjoy classic movies starring felines, check out the showings listed on the cafe's website. It also hosts kitten happy hours for adults only and yoga sessions to test your suppleness with the feline stretched out on the mat next to you.

♥ Koneko

26 Clinton St.
New York, NY 10002
Hours: Monday, Wednesday through Sunday — 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Tuesday
konekonyc.com

Koneko means "kitten" in Japanese and is best described as a cat cafe and sake bar. Located in Manhattan's Lower East Side, it has an artisanal Japanese-influenced menu, plus beer, wine, sake — and a big, furry family of 20 adoptable cats. The cats roam freely around three cat-centric spaces.

When you're not petting purring felines, there's a revolving exhibition of world-class artwork and a roster of weekly events that celebrate cats and Japanese culture.

♥ Meow Parlour

46 Hester St.
Manhattan, NY 10002
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 12 to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Closed Wednesday
meowparlour.com

Meow Parlour was the first cat cafe to open in the Big Apple and promises visitors "sweet cats and delicious treats." Owner Christina Ha advises visitors to make a reservation so that the kitties aren't overwhelmed. You can stay as long as you like, sip coffee, munch on a delicious cat-shaped cookie from the Meow Patisserie around the corner and enjoy the free Wi-Fi with a cat curled up next to you.

Morgan's Cat Cafe

35 West Market St., Suite 1
Red Hook, NY 12571
Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday
morganscatcafe.org

This cafe is earning a reputation for fun events in the company of about 25 felines all looking for their forever



home. Here, BYOB means bring your own brush, and learn how to paint cats with artist Christina Baal, who painted the mural inside the cafe. The Catnip Singles Mixer — Meeeoow! — is a great event to meet other cat people over a glass of wine and canapés. The cafe also sells \$25 gift vouchers.

CAT, COFFEE & A GOOD MYSTERY

Looking to relax at your favorite cafe with a good book? There are plenty of mystery series with new releases where you'll see felines pounce, prance and strut through the pages.

✓ *A Hiss Before Dying* by Rita Mae Brown, 26th in the Mrs. Murphy Mystery Series.

✓ *Cat Got Your Cash* by Julie Chase, 2nd in the Kitty Couture Mystery Series.

✓ *The Painted Queen* by Elizabeth Peters and Joan Hess, 20th in the Amelia Peabody series.

✓ *Wrong Side of the Paw* by Laurie Cass, 6th in the Bookmobile Cat Mystery Series.

✓ *Cat About Town* by Cate Conte, 1st in Cat Cafe Mystery Series.

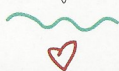
Source: cozy-mystery.com

 **PENNSYLVANIA**

♥ **Kawaii Kitty Cafe**

759 South 4th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Hours: Tuesday through
Sunday — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Closed Monday

Kawaii
Kitty Cafe,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania



kawaiikittycafe.com
Kawaii (the Japanese word for cute) pretty much sums up all the resident felines. Located on historic Fabric Row in the heart of Queen Village, South Philadelphia, this establishment is part coffee shop and part adoption center and works with the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society to select kitties to bond with their patrons. There are weekly

free wine parties, and the evenings are themed.

♥ **Le Cat Cafe**

2713 West Girard Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Hours: Tuesday and
Thursday — 1 to 5 p.m.
Friday — 1 to 6 p.m.
Saturday — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(Closed for cat nap 3 to 4
p.m.) Sunday — 1 to 6 p.m.
Closed Monday

lecatcafe.org

Le Cat Cafe works with
Green Street Rescue

 **OREGON**

♥ **The Purrington Cat
Lounge**

to find foster homes
and eventually forever
homes for the cats that
reside at the cafe. Both
the yoga and Pilates
classes are popular with
regulars, and the cafe is
planning to add events,
such as story time for
younger visitors as well
as a therapeutic Senior/
Veteran hour.

3529 NE MLK Jr. Blvd,
Portland, OR 97211
Hours: Tuesday through
Sunday — 12 to 8 p.m.
Closed Monday
purringtonscatlounge.com
Come and listen to
Moshow the Cat Rapper
purring words in the cat
lounge or sign up for
yoga classes, beer and
wine tastings or meowvie
nights. There's nothing
quite like a movie with a
cat on your lap!



DENVER CAT COMPANY

KAWAII KITTY CAFE



Denver Cat
Company,
Denver,
Colorado



in Los Angeles (see Los Angeles listing). Crumbs and Whiskers has both feline yoga and trivia nights, with topics like Harry Potter and Disney.



Ziggy and Tory "work" as feline muses for **Sandy Robins**, an award-winning multimedia pet lifestyle

expert, author and pet industry personality. They like to disrupt the workflow by playing fetch with wand toys and directing food operations in the kitchen. Learn more about Sandy at SandyRobinsOnline.com

WASHINGTON

♥ The Seattle Meowtropolitan Cat Cafe

1225 North 45th St.
Seattle, WA 98103
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.
Closed Monday
seattlemeowtropolitan.com
Yoga sessions are very popular at this cafe,

and you can purchase a monthly membership for the classes. The venue is also available for private parties with up to 16 guests.

WASHINGTON D.C.

♥ Crumbs and Whiskers

3211 O Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
Hours: Monday and

Tuesday — 1 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday — 1 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday — 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Closed Wednesday
crumbsandwhiskers.com

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