

The musical *Cats* premieres in London, launching songs and feline characters that make pop culture history



1981

Late **1990s**

Cat lovers take to online chatrooms to form their own communities and language: Meowspeak.

Pussycat Dolls, a sexy feline-inspired burlesque dance revue turned musical group, releases a top 10 album, *P.D.C.*

2005

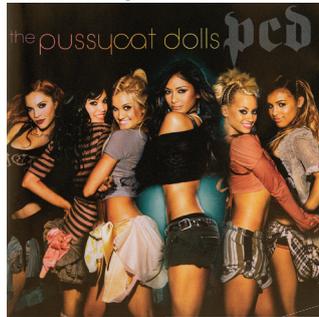


2007

Ben Huh creates I Can Has Cheezburger, launching cat memes and LOL cats into pop culture

1998

Crazy Cat Lady, aka Eleanor Abernathy, appears in *The Simpsons*' "Girly Edition." She becomes a recurring *Simpsons*' character — a smart, accomplished woman who burned out, became an alcoholic with mental health issues that hoarded cats.



2009

Pop singer Katty Perry's first headlining tour features a large inflatable Kitty Purry head, showing her love for her cats Kitty Purry and Monkey. Katy's shows continue to have feline-inspired items and costumes today.



2011

Country-to-pop star Taylor Swift posts photos of her cats Meredith Grey and Olivia Benson on Instagram, along with photos of feline-centric clothes and products. She is declared a proud cat lady.

2015 **2014**

2012

Cat Video Festival, a national competition for cat videos, launches to much acclaim.



2017

Creation of the Pussy-hat Project. Knitted pink pussycat hats, the brainchild of Krista Suh and Jayna Zweiman, become a symbol of the Women's March, supporting women's health, safety and rights, held in Washington DC and all over the world on January 21st.



Cat Art Show exhibit launches, drawing thousands, focusing on cats as companions and muses.

Launch of CatCon, a now annual convention for cat lovers, celebrating cats and cat pop culture. More than 12,000 people attend.

