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WITH ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS ON THE HISTORY, PECULIARITIES  
AND DISEASES OF THE ANIMAL

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## PREFACE.

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The purpose of this volume is not to dwell upon the scientific breeding of cats, or to discuss their detailed anatomy. It is the aim instead to present a book which shall by simple statement and ample illustration guide the amateur in the care of the Angora cat. There are many excellent authorities on the cat, and many books on the subject, notably those by St. George Mivart, Ph. D., and A. Chauveau, but there has seemed to lack a book which should meet the requests and inquiries of lovers and owners of high-bred cats, not thoroughly acquainted with the history, description and peculiarities of this animal. The Angora cat-book is intended to fill this demand in a modest way.

The book has been divided into several chapters, properly indexed for convenience sake. The origin and history of the cat has been briefly touched upon. How to train a cat and the care of a cat are amply discussed, and the chapters on breeding and mating will be of especial interest and value. The diseases most common to the Angoras and directions for their treatment are also given, and additional information upon feeding, transportation and preparation for exhibition, has been carefully prepared.

The value of the book is greatly increased by the introduction of thirty-five photographs of the Angora cat from life, for which the authors are indebted to the Walnut Ridge Farms Co.



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## ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE CAT.

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Our common cat, familiar in many varieties of coloring, is not a tamed descendant of the Wild Cat, but seems, like other domestic animals, to have come from the East. It is usually, though not indeed with absolute certainty, regarded as the descendant of the Egyptian cat, which was certainly domesticated in Egypt thirteen centuries B. C. From Egypt the domestic cat spread through Europe, certainly before the Christian era, but at first sparsely, and confined to those who could afford a high price for the pet. It is quite possible that other species may have been domesticated elsewhere and have mingled with the Egyptian breed. Rolleston and others have believed that the domestic mouse-killer of the ancient Greeks and Romans was not the cat at all, but the white breasted Martin, for which *felis* is good Latin.

The fur of the cat is longer than that of the other feline tribes and it bears a greater resemblance to leopards than to lions. The idea of majesty is not connected with it, however. There is yet a wild species in existence which inhabits the mountainous and wooded districts of the northern part of England, as well as sections of our own country.

Dr. Huidekoper writes in his book on the cat that "it can now be accepted that the so-called domestic cat of to-day is the descendant of certain wild species existing