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What's orange and black with white all over?

By Blaine Huberty

Headline

Lying a short distance ~~away~~ from me on this cold January day is five-year-old Mina, one of my cats. ~~She is~~ curled into a ball shape and

sleeping. ~~is one of my cats. Her name is Mina and she is five years old.~~ On the floor is my second cat, Harley, who is also ~~5-five~~ years old. Mina and Harley are ~~very recognizable~~ distinct-looking cats, in that they are calicos.

Calico isn't ~~their~~ her breed but ~~her~~ their color and pattern, a smash ~~up~~ of white, orange and black. The calico color

pattern ~~are is~~ closely related to the tortoise-shell coloring. ~~which differs in that torties~~ Torties, as they are

~~sometimes~~ called, have ~~much less~~ little if any white fur, ~~and with intermingled the~~ patches of black and orange ~~are intermingled.~~

Harley is something of a tortie, with small patches of white ~~only~~ on her face, chest, legs and belly, compared to Mina's

much larger patches of white intermingled with patches of orange and black. ~~16~~ Sixteen different cat breeds can

exhibit the calico coloring, ~~according to the article on the page at~~ www.picturesofcats.biz, including such well-known breeds as the Persian, the Maine Coon, and the Scottish Fold (www.picturesofcats.biz).

What circumstances of nature work to give a calico its unusual ~~and pretty~~ patterns? It's all in the genes. The ~~responsibility~~ genes responsible for passing on orange and black fur rest on the mother's ~~X-X-~~

chromosome, meaning that almost all calico-colored cats are females. The occasional male calico is the result

of a genetic abnormality, an XXY-chromosome. ~~if~~ the resulting male is a sterile calico. In humans, such a disease

is called Klinefelter's ~~Disease-disease~~ and it too produces ~~a-a~~ sterile male. The ratio ~~is~~ of male to female calicos is

1 in 3,000 ~~according to~~ (www.picturesofcats.biz).

~~Calicos can be a blend of other unique colors and patterns. Colors besides black and orange include cream or buff, cinnamon or red, and blue or grey. These color patterns are called 'dilute' or 'pastel' calico. Calicos can be a number of other colors besides black and orange. Other colors include a cream~~

~~or buff color, cinnamon or red, blue or grey. Cats with this pattern are called 'dilute' or 'pastel' calicos.~~

~~Even among calicos there exist different patterns. As previously mentioned, cats without the white spotting gene are called tortoiseshells, while cats with mostly color and some white are called~~

~~tortie and white. Other patterns, as listed on <http://www.absolutelycats.com/22Calico.html> include~~

~~Cats with a mostly white background but fur and some patches of red and black are called high~~
~~high-color calicos.~~

~~Finally, a~~ n all white cat ~~with~~ ~~except for colored~~ spots ~~of color~~ on ~~her~~ ~~the~~ head and tail, with no more than one spot on ~~her~~ ~~the~~

~~body~~ ~~is~~ ~~is~~ called a van calico (www.absolutelycats.com).

Add a closing summary.

Sidebar text: Interesting Facts:

~~In October 1, 2001, Calico was named the official state cat of Maryland because its orange, black and white coloring is~~ Calicos are the official state cat of Maryland, as of October 1, 2001, because its colors of orange,

~~black and white are~~ shared by both the state bird, the Oriole, and the state insect, the Baltimore

Checkerspot Butterfly.

Bibliography: Useful links about Calico cats

<http://www.thecatsite.com/Snips/200/Calico-Cats.html>

<http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-calico-cat.htm>

<http://www.picturesofcats.biz/Calico-Cats.html>

<http://www.absolutelycats.com/22Calico.html>

LOLcats: where creative copy and cats converge

By Blaine Huberty

A humorous animal photo with a funny caption that is full of misspellings and grammar errors.

By now, you've probably seen a few of them, if not become a full-fledged fan.

A photograph of

an animal, usually a cat, with a line of two of dialogue or an explanation, typically full of horrible

misspellings, grammar errors, and both very funny, and an internet phenomenon. Web sites like

LOLcats have become an internet phenomenon. LOLcats come, as they're called, the title coming from the internet shorthand LOL for "Laughing out Loud", and a

cat, is the typical subject of an LOLcat picture, but By no means are cats the only subject. Dogs, rabbits, and other

animals, all get their chance to be internet stars too. At sites like LOLbunnies, icanhazcheezeburger.com,

ihasahotdog.com, and more, these silly-captioned photos, submitted by users, make people all over the world LOL laugh out loud on a daily basis.

LOLcats as they are now are thought to have begun began sometime in 2005, with the appearance of

the captioned cat photos appearing on such internet boards as "4chan" and "Something Awful", usually during "aturday", or Saturday. In reality, humorous captions to photo captions of animals dates back as far as

photography, as in a 1905 a postcard by Harry Whittier Frees shows a cat him a dress ed like him and, seated in a child's high (ok?)

chair, with a caption, asking "What's delaying my dinner?"

Creating a LOLcat picture of your own is easyn't difficult. At www.icanhazcheeseburger.com there is a do-it-

yourself LOLcat maker where youone can upload yourtheir own photos, and by following the directions, add text

in a variety of locations and submit it to the website. Not all submissions reach widespread release as those I've sent haven't seen the light of day (ok?).

~~Not all submissions reach widespread release as~~

~~my own attempt still hasn't seen the light of day beyond the few I sent it to.~~

Spinoffs of LOLcats include Ceiling Cat and Basement Cat, a white cat and a black cat who substitute for God and Satan. One of which made the Los Angeles Times newspaper (Ok?). The photo pictured a black cat and a white cat with a caption that read, Spinoffs of LOLcats include Ceiling Cat and Basement Cat, a white cat and a black cat naturally

~~enough who substitute for God and Satan, and the offshoot of that, the LOLBible, where the Christian holy book is being translated into LOL speak. A sample, from the Los Angeles Times paper, a footnote in the Wikipedia entry on LOLcats, goes like this "Oh my, they oppended nuther sealz there wuz big ground shaky. Teh sunz got all darky and teh moonz wuz bluudy." (Revelation 6).~~

Bibliography: Add a sidebar of links

Interesting photo and caption links:

<http://articles.latimes.com/2007/dec/16/entertainment/ca-lolcat16>

<http://icanhascheezburger.com/about/>

<http://www.onemoreriver.org/11267/11632.html>

Ideas: Add a photo and caption of one of your cats.

Add links of the LOL sites mentioned as a sidebar.