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Per Webster's the Definition of polydactyly: the condition of having more than the normal number of fingers or toes.

The first thought that comes to mind about the polydactyly attribute is Hemingway cats. The famous six-toed cats of Key West. Though most cats have five toes on the front paws and four toes on the back, being born with the extra digits is not that uncommon. The extra digits are not harmful but can complicate nail trimming which is more time-consuming and tedious; however, the extra toes can really add to the cuteness factor in your feline.

Polydactyly cats have larger paws, this provides them some benefits. With the larger paws they have better agility and climbing faculties. The paws also aid the ability to catch prey resulting in, **MORE GIFTS FOR THE OWNER!**,

Historically, the extra toes reduced the rat population on ships. Another bonus was the increased ability to negotiate obstacles utilizing their superior climbing and agility skills on a rocking ship while maintaining their own food supply. Sailors would consider them a form of luck to sail with them.

Any breed of cat can be polydactyly, at one time 40% of Main Coon cats were polydactyly. Over many generations of breeding the polydactyly feature was bred out of the Main Coon. But many cat enthusiasts still recognize the polydactyly Main Coon.

Per the Guinness Book of World Records Jake a ginger tabby holds the record for the most toes. This record holder boasts 28 toes which calculates to 7 toes on each paw and each toe has its own claw, pad and bone structure,

Polydactylism does not just manifest itself in cats but dogs can be polydactyly dogs as well.