

Two Whats?! & A Wow! - The Cat's Meow

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

(SOUNDBITE OF THEME MUSIC, "TWO WHATS?! AND A WOW!")

Announcer. It's Two Whats?! And a Wow! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)
With your hosts, Mindy and Guy Raz! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

Voices. (SINGING) Two whats! Two what's? Two whats! Two whats? Two what's!
Two what's? Two what's! And a wow!

(THEME MUSIC ENDS)

Mindy. Welcome back, wowzers! It's time for another purr-fect round of Two Whats?! And A Wow!

Voices. (SINGING THEME) Two whats and a wow!

Guy Raz. The scientific game show that separates the wows from the whaaaaats?!

Guy Raz. And the category for today is...

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

Guy Raz. Cats! Mindy, what don't you refresh our contestants on how the game works?

Mindy. You know it! Wowzers, we are going to present you with three scientific statements about cats. But, and this is a BIG BUT (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)...only one of those statements will be a true wow! The other two, just a couple of made up "whaaats"!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)

Guy Raz. Okay, let's get started! Which of the following statements is a true wow about cats? Is it "A," all cats have unique ridges on their paws similar to our fingerprints?

Mindy. Or is it "B," president Calvin Coolidge invented the very first cat door, when he built one in the White House for his cat named Mud!

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," cats can be allergic to humans!

Mindy. When you think you have the answer, shout it into your mailbox!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Mindy. Hey Reg!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Reggie. Coo!

Mindy. Thinking music!

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up!

Mindy. To answer today's question, joining us by phone, it's Cora from Idaho! Cora, what's the wow?

Cora. Hello my name is Cora, I'm from Boise. And did you know that cats can be allergic to humans!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Winner winner, hairballs for dinner!

Guy Raz. If you guessed "C" "cats can be allergic to humans, you found the winning wow!

Mindy. Although it is super rare, it is possible for cats to be allergic to... us! But, because we don't shed as much as other animals, if a cat is allergic to a human, it usually means that the cat is allergic to a soap, a detergent or a fragrance that the human is using!

Guy Raz. Now if you guessed "A" or "B," you weren't that far off! While cats do not have distinct ridges on their paws, they do have distinct ridges on their noses! And each cat's ridges are one-of-a-kind, just like our fingerprints!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOOH")

Mindy. And if you guessed "B," Calvin Coolidge did not invent the cat door, but he did have a lot of animals while he was president! In addition to his four cats, president Coolidge had a pet racoon named Rebecca, and a pair of lion cubs named Tax Reduction and Budget Bureau.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Guy Raz. Now Mindy, will you please tell our winning wowzers what they've won!

Mindy. guy raz, all of our winning wowzers will be taking home their very own invisible self-cleaning sweater! Featuring state of the art kitten technology, this sweater will lick itself clean after each wear! We'll also throw in an invisible scratching post, so when your sweater gets scratchy, you can just itch away!

Guy Raz. Well, that's about all the time we have for today, but if you want to keep the fun going even longer, be sure to come back for another round of Two Whats?! And A Wow!

Mindy & Guy Raz. Keep on wowing!

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The End