CATS CAUSE SCHIZOPHRENIA: LIBRARIAN-FACULTY COLLABORATION TO DEVELOP STUDENT COMPETENCY IN CONTEXTUALIZING SOURCES

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There’s A Link Between Cat Ownership And Schizophrenia

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Cat parasite linked to mental illness, schizophrenia

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Cat ownership in childhood linked to greater risk of later-life mental illness

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- Method: Questionnaires from 1982 and 1997
- Discussion:
  - "Such a finding if confirmed in other groups, would suggest that cat exposure in childhood is a risk factor..." (my italics)
  - "Even if this mode of transmission explains the findings presented here, it is somewhat surprising that this can be demonstrated by surveys...We therefore urge our colleagues...to collect data on cat and other pet ownership..."
- References: 11 total, 6 are by Torrey and/or Yolken

- "Apparently unknown to Torrey et al., we have published such a study." (Yuksel, 226)