



I Can't Draw...Until I Practice! Animals



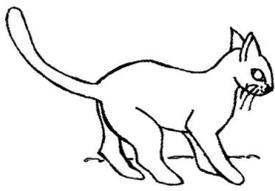
This step-by-step "how to draw" book will help build confidence in the ability to draw. You will be learning to draw like I draw. I looked at real objects and photographs and made up the steps. The best way to learn how to draw is by looking at three dimensional objects (real things). Whether I learn to draw from "how to" sheets, photographs, or real objects, I begin looking for simple lines & shapes, and drawing what I see. We can learn to draw if we really want to. As with any skill, how good we get depends on how much we practice. This step-by-step format is used in many "how to draw" books. Compare each step with the next step to see what new lines & shapes have been added. Then, add the shapes or lines to our own drawing. Observing, identifying & analyzing lines & shapes builds higher order thinking skills (strengthens the brain). That's how I created the images in this book.



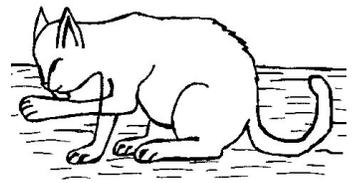
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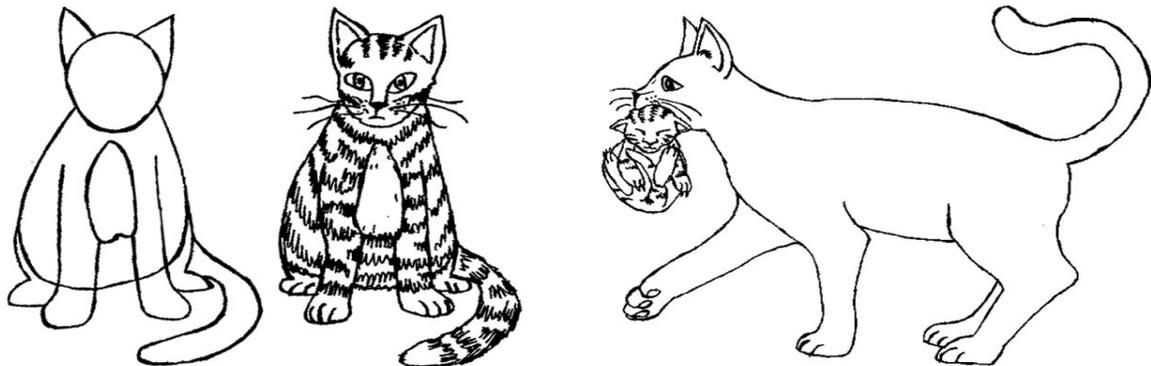
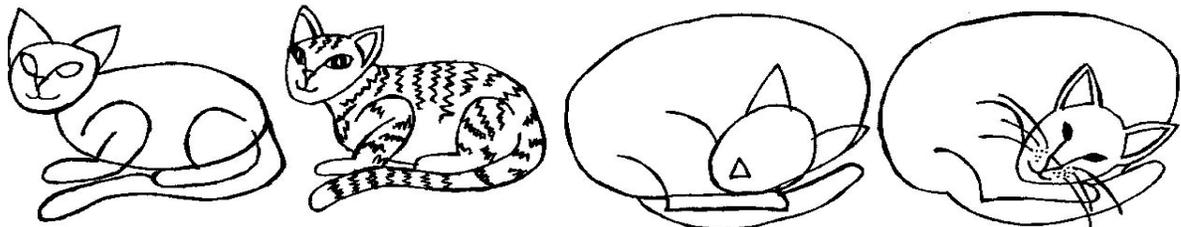
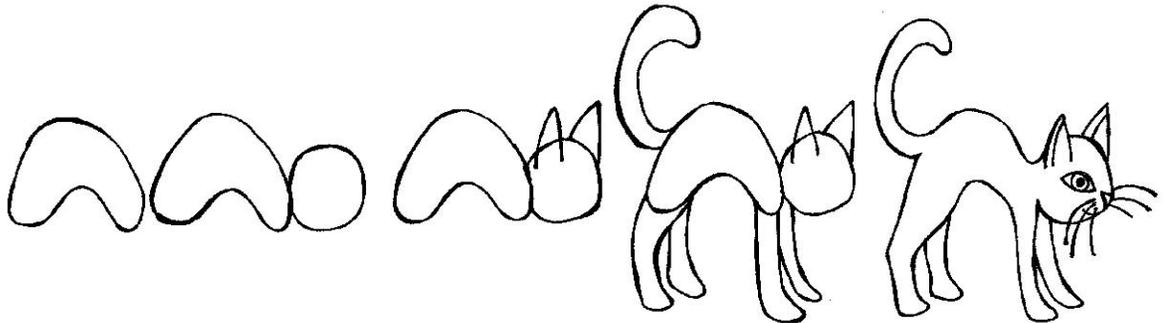
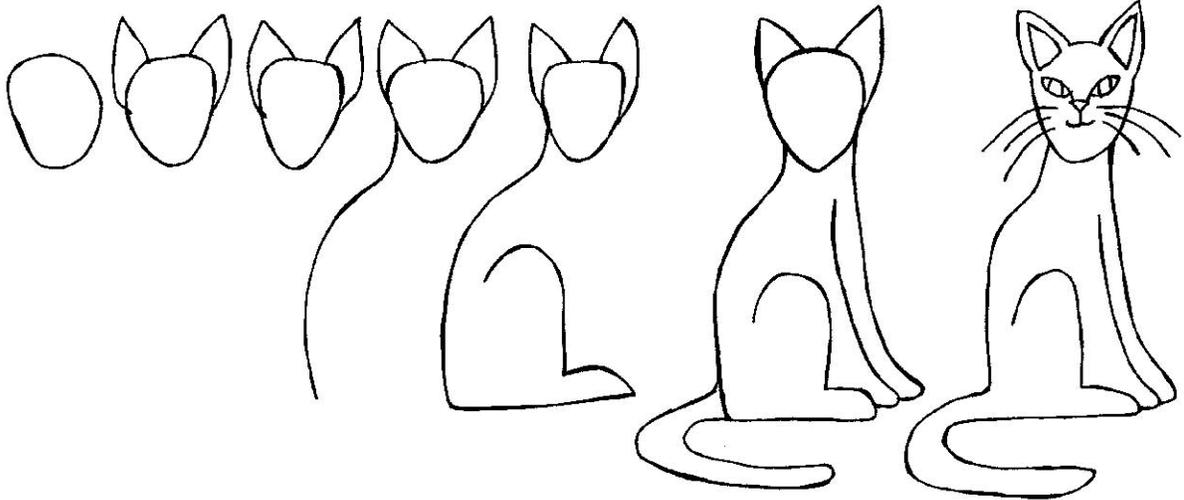
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I Can't Draw...Until I Practice! Cats



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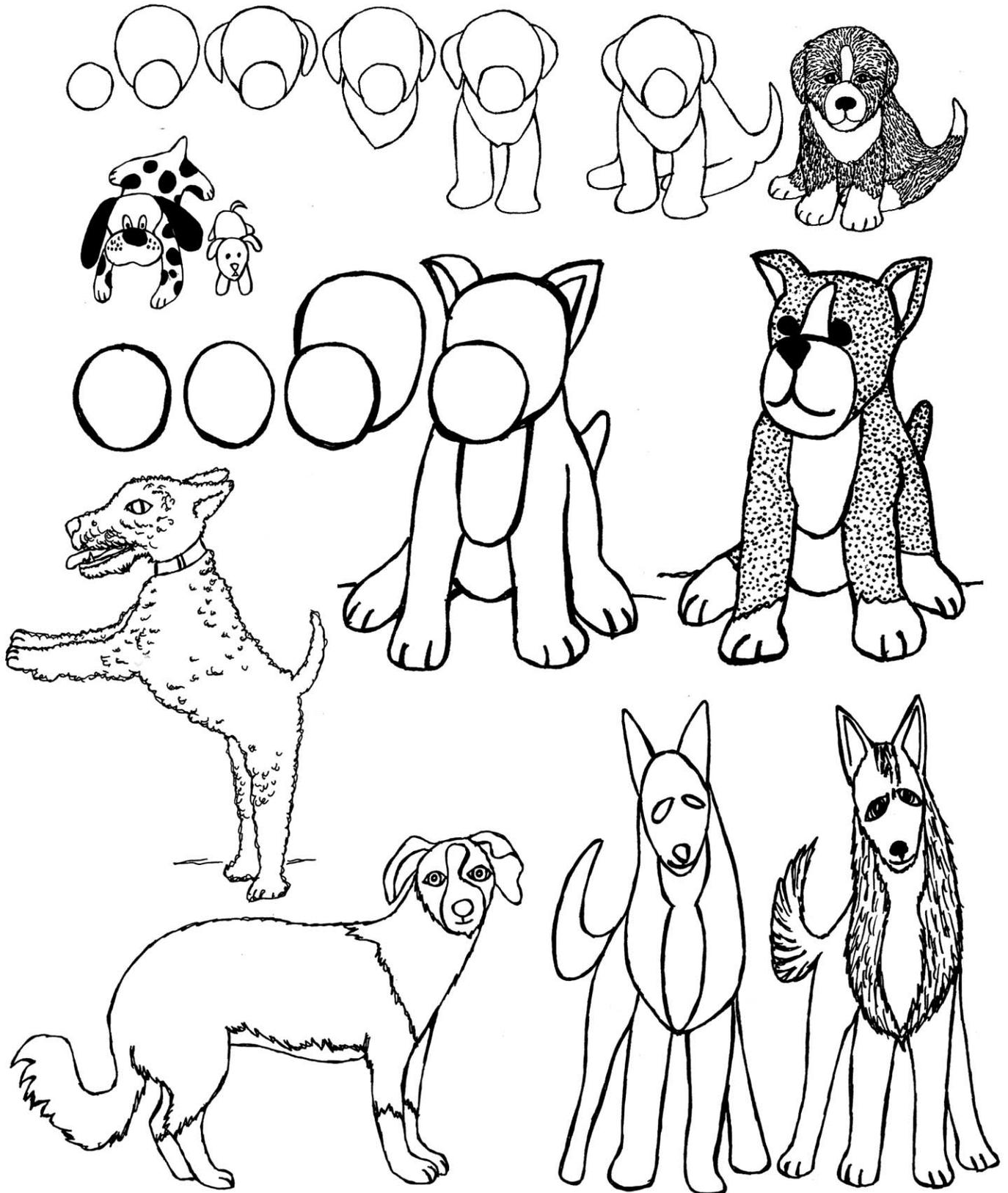
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Draw from real life objects when you can. Every time we look and draw, we strengthen our brains. Sometimes drawing from real life seems difficult. If so, begin by drawing models that don't move. Stuffed animals, toys, or familiar items found around the home are great to draw. 3D items can be drawn from many different angles or points of view. Don't worry about how it looks. Practice strengthens observation skills.



You can practice drawing these photos, but it is much more beneficial drawing from your own 3D (real) items.

Drawing from photos is helpful especially when the model won't be still.



Draw dogs from many different angles.

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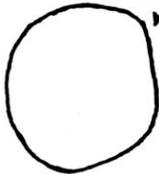
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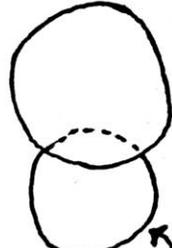
I Can't Draw...Until I Practice! Lions Sitting

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Start with a circle or an oval...

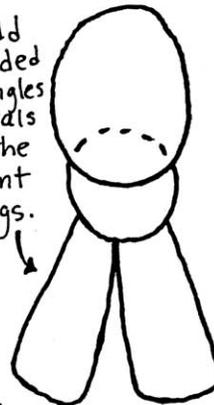


Does it have to be exactly like this one? No! Lions come in all shapes and sizes.



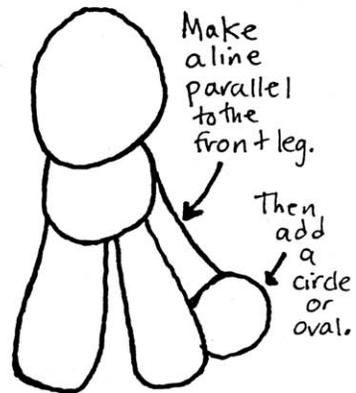
Add rounded rectangles or ovals for the front legs.

Add part of another oval or circle.

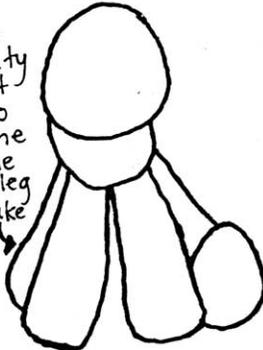


Make a line parallel to the front leg.

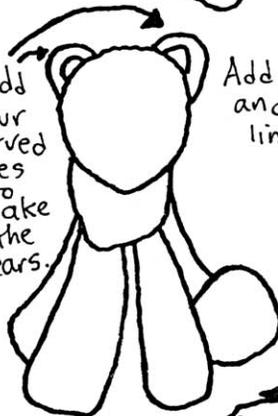
Then add a circle or oval.



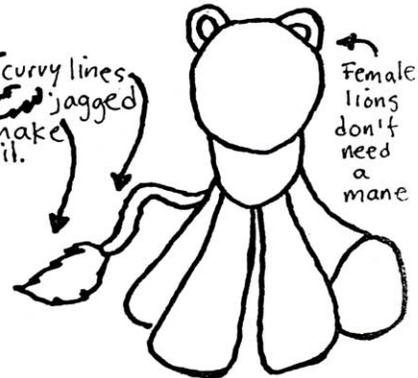
For variety just echo the line of the front leg to make the other back leg.



Add four curved lines to make the ears.



Add two curvy lines and two jagged lines to make the tail.



Female lions don't need a mane.

Add zig-zag or any kind of a variety of lines to make the mane.



Add shapes and lines to make the face. circle/oval = eye

two triangles for the nose

curvy lines for the mouth



Erase unwanted guidelines

Add details



Remember...

Lions come in all sizes, shapes, and temperments.



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Start with an oval or a rounded rectangle ...

Does it have to look just like this one? No! Lions come in all shapes and sizes.

Add a circle or an oval for the head.

Add rounded rectangles for the legs.

Add four curved lines for the ears. (No mane for lady lions)

Add echoes of the rounded rectangles for the legs behind.

Add uneven zig-zag lines for the mane.

Add a wavy line for the tail.

Erase unnecessary guidelines.

Add a second wavy line and a pointed oval to finish the tail.

Add detail

Add detail

Try making many different looking lions (a variety) by changing shapes and lines and adding different detail. Try to not make any two look alike. (see the simple example of making manes using different lines.)

Add shapes and lines to make the face.

→ = circle inside oval to make the eye.

upside down triangle for nose.

straight line and curved line for mouth.

