

BC-131 - Domestic Cat Skull
Order code: **4007.BC131**



Information about product price on demand

Parameters

Quantitative unit

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The house cat originated from the wildcat *Felis silvestris lybica* and has appeared in the archaeological record. While commonly thought that Ancient Egyptians first domesticated cats as early as 4,000 years ago, on the island of Cyprus, a 9,500-year-old grave site revealed a cat carefully buried with a human. Given that cats are not native to Cyprus, it's reasonable to say that domestication predated that burial. Domestication of the wildcat likely coincided with the domestication of crops; perhaps their value for ridding human grain storage areas of large numbers of rats and mice was recognized and the farmers eventually saw their value as "partners" in pest control.

2-part skull (separate cranium & jaw)