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In Scotland, it is thought if a strange black cat arrives at the house, it will bring with it prosperity. However, there are those who believe if a black cat crosses their path, this will bring bad luck; the same if one is walking towards them, whereas a black puss walking away signals good fortune. This possibly goes back to pirates in the 19th Century who held the same beliefs. A black kitty strolling on to a ship was good but if it turned its back and walked off again, this meant the ship was going to sink. However, in Germany it is believed if a black kitty passes from left to right, this is a bad omen but if it passes from right to left, there are favourable times ahead. French peasants once held the belief that if such a cat was released at a cross roads, where five roads intersected, the moggy would choose the road that led to treasure. Tradition says a Magician cat must be lured with plump chicken and then be carried home without its new human owner looking back. So, if you happen to find yourself in the South of France and a black cat decides to grace you with its company, make sure it has plenty to eat and a cosy bed to sleep in and you never know, wealth and good fortune may come your way. In Japan it is said that if a lady owns a black cat she will find herself with many suitors and if one crosses your path in Japan, this heralds good luck. Black cats are thought to be lucky throughout much of Asia. In the USA, things are very different, black cats are deemed as being very unlucky. So much so, that American animal shelters sometimes have a difficult time finding new homes for such moggies. The myth still remains that they are evil. Bast or Bastet was the cat goddess. She represented protection, family, music, dance and joy. Originally she was portrayed as a lioness, fiercely protective and warlike; but over time, her image softened and she became seen more like a domestic cat, graceful, affectionate, playful, cunning. Egyptian households believed by keeping a black cat they would gain favour with Bast. Freya was the goddess associated with beauty, love, sex and fertility. She wore a cloak of falcon feathers, kept a boar named Hildisvini at her side and she rode a chariot pulled by two magical black cats. Farmers would leave bowls of milk for these cats, to bring good fortune for the coming harvest. Freya was also the goddess of war, she represented death and the afterlife. During the Middle Ages, cats, especially black ones, fell out of favour. It is often thought all cats were hated during this time but that is untrue. They were still highly useful to have around as they caught mice and other vermin. The Church was especially fond of them, nuns and priests kept them as pets, presumably to catch rodents. In the 15th Century, Exeter Cathedral even had a cat on its payroll! Its salary was a penny a week. Still today a small cat door can be seen in the south tower of the cathedral. A hermit was allowed 3 acres of land and a cow but the only companion seen as fitting for an anchoress, was a cat. It could hardly be true when those giving up their lives for solitude and prayer allowed a feline presence. However, as much as members of the Church appeared to love their kitties, it could be said it was also the Church that was responsible for the bad reputation the cat, particularly the black cat, was to gain. Middle Eastern street cats were often looked after by charities. Christians in the Middle Ages thought all animals were made by God to serve and be ruled by humans. Dogs showed obedience and complied. Cats, on the other hand, even when domesticated, kept their independence and wilful ways. Edward, Duke of York, said the cat had the spirit of the Devil in it. Christianity saw things very much in black and white. White representing goodness and purity; black, evil, danger and corruption. Black cats became associated with witches and heretics. Heretical religious groups, such as the Cathars and Waldensians were accused by the Catholic Church of worshipping cats. Emperor Frederick II sanctioned the practice in anti-heresy laws in and but only when the Church authorities demanded the extreme sentence. It was also the Christian belief that reducing to ashes would condemn to eternal damnation, depriving bodily resurrection on Judgement Day. It was commonly believed both in Europe, the UK and Salem, USA, that witches shape-shifted into the form of black cats in order to roam the streets unobserved. The streets were dangerous places at night, no lighting meant darkness provided cover for all kinds of villains and evils. Fearing bad luck, they started to hurl rocks at it. Terrified and injured, the cat fled to the house of an old woman who had recently been accused of witchcraft. The next day the father and son saw the old

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woman, she was bruised and limping. Well, you can imagine the conclusions they drew. Old women in Mediaeval times often cared for street cats. As the witchcraft hysteria took hold, it was so often that these were the women accused. In Europe there was a large scale massacre of black cats, many of them burnt. It certainly did, the next day he was charged with high treason. Throughout history, the black cat has had an extremely raw deal, considering their only crimes are being nocturnal and they take pleasure from torturing their prey. One of them was called Lucky.

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