We gathered at The County Cat in March 2013 for a Saturday morning brunch. The cat house was packed with standing room only. Luckily we made reservations, which is a huge bonus because very few Portland restaurants allow you to make a reservation on busy weekend mornings.

The service was very good. Meagan made sure that our waters were replenished continually, and she answered all of our questions about the menu. The food arrived at an average speed; we had enough time to visit but it wasn’t too long of a wait.

We ordered a variety of items from the brunch menu including traditional breakfast fair to lunch sandwiches. Unfortunately the majority felt that the Oatmeal Pancakes and Cinnamon Swirl French Toast could not stand alone. The bland flavor necessitates the accompanying syrup and compote. Other menu items were outstanding, particularly the Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich and the Early Spring Vegetable Hash, both of which were described as absolutely delicious and delightfully tasty. Two favorites included the slightly spicy tomato jam and the home fries.

Overall the consensus agreed that reservations are a must, and you should bring your appetite. We all liked that the food was made from scratch and a farm-to-table experience.