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CAT TRAINING GUIDE

FUN & PLAYFUL LEARNING



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MEOW

YES—CATS CAN BE TRAINED!



CATS AREN'T JUST INDEPENDENT LOUNGERS; THEY'RE SMART, CURIOUS LEARNERS. WITH THE RIGHT APPROACH, TRAINING CAN BE A FUN WAY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR BOND AND KEEP YOUR CAT MENTALLY ENRICHED. AND BRAG TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THAT YOU HAVE HACKED THE CAT TRAINING CODE.

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THE SECRET INGREDIENT: HIGH-VALUE FOOD

TO MOTIVATE YOUR CAT, YOU'LL NEED FOOD REWARDS THEY REALLY WANT—THINK BITS OF CHICKEN, TUNA, OR SOFT TREATS. THE TASTIER, THE BETTER!

- **USE SMALL PIECES SO YOU CAN REWARD MANY TIMES.**
- **USE FEWER REPETITIONS WITH MORE SESSIONS TO HELP YOUR CAT UNDERSTAND THE BEHAVIOR FASTER.**





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MARK THE MOMENT

INTRODUCE A MARKER (LIKE A CLICKER OR A CHEERFUL “YES!”). THE MARKER TELLS YOUR CAT THE EXACT INSTANT THEY DID THE RIGHT THING, FOLLOWED BY THEIR TREAT. THIS MAKES LEARNING SUPER CLEAR AND REWARDING AND FASTER!



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THREE FUN TRICKS TO TEACH



SIT

HOLD A TREAT SLIGHTLY ABOVE YOUR CAT'S NOSE.
AS THEY LOOK UP, THEIR BOTTOM WILL LOWER—MARK AND REWARD!
NAME THE BEHAVIOR AFTER YOU ARE CONSISTENTLY GETTING THE SIT.
YOU HAVE TO HAVE A BEHAVIOR IN ORDER TO NAME IT.

HIGH FIVE

PRESENT YOUR CLOSED PALM WITH A DELICIOUS TREAT INSIDE. WHEN YOUR CAT PLAYFULLY BATS AT IT, MARK, AND OPEN YOUR HAND TO FEED THE TREAT.
START SMALL—EVEN A PAW LIFT COUNTS AT FIRST!
DON'T NAME THE BEHAVIOR UNTIL YOU HAVE IT TRAINED WITH THE CLOSED PALM CUE.

NOSE TARGET

RUB THE TIP OF YOUR FINGER IN TUNA JUICE, PRESENT YOUR FINGER TWO INCHES FROM YOUR CAT'S NOSE. DO NOT TOUCH YOUR CATS NOSE, WAIT FOR YOUR CAT TO TOUCH YOUR FINGER. YOU ARE NOT TRAINING HANDLING YOU ARE TRAINING A TARGET BEHAVIOR.
WHEN THE CAT BOOPS YOUR FINGER, MARK AND REWARD.
START WITH JUST A SNIFF IF YOU NEED TO.
THIS IS A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR MORE TRICKS!



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MAKE IT PLAYFUL

KEEP SESSIONS SHORT (30 SECONDS – 1 MINUTES) LEAVE THEM WANTING MORE-- WHICH MAKES SESSIONS MORE FUN. END WHILE YOUR CAT IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE TRAINING.

TRAINING YOUR CAT ISN'T JUST ABOUT TRICKS; IT'S ABOUT COMMUNICATION, TRUST, AND FUN. SOON, YOU'LL BOTH LOOK FORWARD TO TRAINING TIME! AND BRAGGING TO YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY THAT YOU HAVE HACKED THE CAT TRAINING CODE.

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