

The Cat's Creed



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The other evening, Socrates and I were talking on how we fall down at times in our Cat nature. So I went to our cat stash of toys, goodies and saved stuff and pulled out the Cat's Creed that we thought we'd pass along to all you readers incase you have furry friends to share it with.

Bathroom Etiquette:

Always remember to unroll as much bathroom tissue from the roller as possible. The tissue is put on that rolling thing so we can easily help, therefore it is our responsibility to comply and help the human get their job done quickly so they can provide you with more pats. Humans enjoy being stared at while using their bathroom. Make sure to follow them in and stare hard before commencing tissue duties. If the human gets in the bathroom before you, refer to section on obstructed doors below.

Obstructed Doorways:

Doors should never be closed. If there is a closed door, approach, stand up on rear legs and paw the door as if to knock on it. When the human finally opens the door, you are not obliged to enter unless it is about to close again.

When it comes to outside doors, after you have demanded it to be open, you are permitted to stand between the inside of the door and the outside to make sure the door remains open. It is kind of like you are thinking of whether you will stay in or go out which is particularly important when it is raining, snowing or just plain cold.

Rotating or swinging type doors come under the heading of 'must avoid' for the sake of kitty safety.

Kitty Obstructions:

It is always of the utmost importance to be a most helpful kitty obstruction to get as much attention from the human as possible. If the human's hands are full, leap out in front of them. This works especially well if the human is freshly out of bed or on stairs. The Human will then dispense lavish amounts of attention on the kitty.

Appropriate Sleeping Behavior:



At night, if a nap is required, always sleep on or up against the human. This gives the human the necessary security it needs to rest peacefully. During other times of the day, humans make excellent sleeping pillows, and let's face it, they owe us because of all of the wonderful things we do for them all day long.

If there is no human available, where they customarily sit is a great place to snuggle in unless there is a handy sunny spot to be occupied.

Appropriate Eating Habits:

Since cats are more intelligent than humans it is necessary for us to keep track of feeding time. It is appropriate to begin reminding the human that you need your food about 2 hours before it is actually time. That way the human can't forget to feed you. The best tactic is to convince the human that you are starving and won't make it to feeding time; this will elicit sympathy from the human and guarantee that you are fed on time.

Once the human feeds you be sure to dump your bowl on the floor and eat your meal from the floor. This prevents the human from having to clean your bowl too often.

Always make every attempt to get the human to give you some of whatever they are eating. This comforts the human by making the human think that whatever



he is eating is very good. You are not required to eat what the human gives you off of his plate unless you truly want to eat it.

While water is a necessary element to a healthy happy kitty, it is not recommended that it be obtained from the bowl provided. Humans often leave glasses full of water sitting around which always contain the freshest water available and sometimes contains milk or even chocolate milk. Any self respecting cat would prefer to drink from the humans glass. Some lucky cats like Socrates and me, even get to drink from a spigot on a water cooler. If available, always choose this option.

Fur Balls and Other Tummy Upsets:



Fur balls and other projectiles should always be placed on a fabric surface whether it is furniture or carpeting. Move around as much as possible so that you can cover as much area as possible. Tile floors are off limits, they don't absorb the appropriate odor which pleases the human to no end.

Humans need Help:

If a human is busy, your help is required. The best place to stand is behind the heels of the busy human. Be careful to not get stepped on while at the same time, do your best to make the human think that they did step on you. This will give them a needed break to coddle you in apology.

Humans do things like reading books, crafts and doing monthly paperwork for the explicate purpose of getting kitty's attention. Be sure to get between the human and the dreaded activity as quickly and persistently as possible until the human identifies that they didn't really want to do that after all and pays attention to kitty. If you pretend to nap while doing this, you will likely get the humans attention at light speed.

On rare occasions, it may be necessary to steal erasers, play pen hockey or make a bed out of whatever the human is paying attention to until they realize that giving kitty affection is what they really

wanted to do. Be careful of irate humans who are delusional in thinking that they really wanted to do that other thing.

Appropriate Use of Your Human:

The human lives and breaths to serve kitty; make sure you honor the human by allowing them to serve you many times per day. Humans feel most honored when they are feeding us, cleaning up after us or pampering us in some way. Humans are not particularly bright however and it may take you several attempts to teach them appropriate behavior. Have patience however because with repetition, they can be taught to do as the Master of the house – you - ask.

Scheduling:

Kitty's are to sleep 70% of their time lounge for 10% of their time and play the remaining 20% which is done mostly at night while the humans are sleeping and there are no witnesses.

If you find yourself playing during daylight hours, you run the risk of the human witnessing you making a misstep. Maintain your kitty dignity at all costs by always appearing to have meant any action you have taken no matter how the action turned out. Two simple ways of maintaining your dignity when something goes awry is to quickly walk in the other direction as if you forgot something or sit down and start cleaning yourself as if the experiment was successful – just as you knew it would be.



The King of the Castle Game:

Socrates and I play this game a lot and we highly recommend it to other multi-cat homes. In this game one of us stands on a high point and looks important while the other stands on the floor looking up wistfully. When the one that is higher isn't looking, the cat on the floor makes a jumping attack trying to become the king of the castle. This is

best played at night when you are most likely to disturb the humans and get extra attention. The upper stance is also useful in reminding the humans who actually rules the house.

Bed Lumps Game:

Attack anything moving under the covers of the bed the humans are sleeping in. This is best done while the human is sleeping using a quick attack method with rest periods under the bed. If you are for some reason exiled out of the human bedroom, refer to the section on obstructed doorways above.

Appropriate Toys:

Not all toys are appropriate. For example, balls of wool are wonderful however, only the balls that the human appears to be using are good to play with. If the human gives you a ball of wool all your own, then you know for a fact that it is useless and won't work correctly.



Because of their lower intelligence, humans always seek to take the best toys away from kittys. If this occurs, you can find your missing toy somewhere up high like on the upper shelf of the closet or on the top of a dresser.

Humans harbor and hide shiny things which make wonderful toys. These are often kept in drawers so you will need to stake out the dresser, sometimes for several days, until the human neglects to shut the drawer all the way closed and you can therefore pry it open and get the shiny toy out for yourself.

Any small hard object is appropriate soccer like toy. These can be found on desks, dresser tops and are occasionally dropped by the human. Dangly things are wonderful toys for practicing your swing. They can be found around the human neck, hanging on hangers in the closet or left draped over the dresser and other high locations.

Bags and boxes are fair game for cats to sit in, hide and even ambush from. These items will often come into the house when the human has been out buying cat food. If the bags or boxes are not emptied timely enough, it is appropriate to climb in them while they are still full.

Caution, while they may be disguised as toys, scratching posts are definitely not toys. They should be avoided at all costs!!

Well that's all we have so far. If you know of anything missing in our creed, please be kind and let us know!!

Your Furry Friend
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