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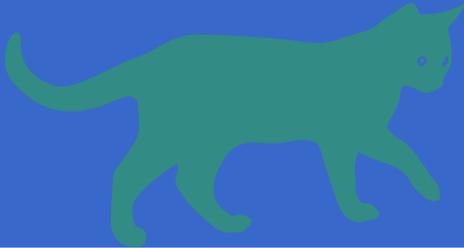
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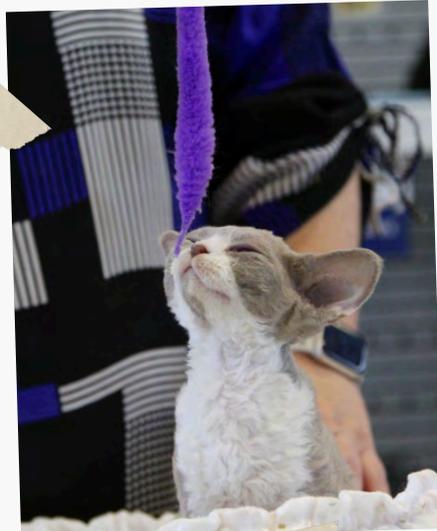
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# SHOW SCENE!

Step into the spotlight with us as we relive some moments from recent cat shows! From stunning ribbons to backstage cuddles, these snapshots capture the heart and hustle of the show world - and the magnificent cats (and humans!) who make it all happen!





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# A “ONCE IN A LIFETIME” CAT

## A champion Maine Coon's rise to Cat of the Year 2024

Some cats simply have that something—a presence in the ring, a charm at home, and a legacy that speaks for itself. ACF Emerald AoE Emerald Double Grand Champion Coolcoons Secret Business—known lovingly as Small Fry or Hagrid—has earned his place in feline history, winning the title of Cat of the Year 2024 with the highest point score ever recorded with Cats NSW.

Bred, owned, and adored by Fiona and Mary Jo of Coolcoons, this magnificent Maine Coon is not just a decorated show cat—he’s a beloved companion with a story worth telling.



### Humble Beginnings

Unlike some breeders who swear they can spot a star at birth, Fiona wasn’t immediately sure. “By about eight weeks, he was looking pretty nice,” she says. “But I’ve never been one to make bold claims early on.” Fast forward to now, and Fiona has been told he’s a once-in-a-lifetime cat—though she’s hopeful that one of his children might someday prove that title wrong.

At home, Hagrid is every bit the classic Maine Coon—“big, dopey, cuddly,” says Fiona. “He has such a calm and relaxed personality—unless someone waves a feather toy. Then all bets are off!”



## A show career to remember



His journey began in kitten classes in 2023, and it didn't take long for him to stand out. He won Best All Breeds Kitten and Supreme All Breeds Kitten at the ANCATS Sydney Royal, and picked up impressive placings at the Cats NSW Sydney Royal too.

In 2024, Small Fry dominated the rings, earning 35 Best Entire Cat in Group 1, 31 Best Group 1 Exhibit, and 21 Supreme All Breeds Exhibit titles. And he's not done yet—by early 2025, he'd already added 10 Best G1 Exhibit and 7 Supremes to his growing resume. "They're all special," Fiona says. "Each one is a proud moment."

## The X Factor

So what makes Coolcoons Secret Business such a standout? "He's an excellent example of the breed—he fits the standard really well. But more than that, he has a presence I've never seen in another cat. Judges comment on it all the time."

He's also got a bit of cheek. "He's fast at grabbing teasers and feathers—ask any judge who's tried to keep up with him! It always gets a smile."



## Grooming the greats

Despite his luxurious coat, Fiona keeps his grooming routine refreshingly simple. "Some coats are more work than others, but his is easy. I comb him maybe once a week between shows. That's it!" she laughs.

As for her favourite products? "Trade secret," she grins.



## Wisdom from experience

Fiona has a clear message for anyone wanting to show Maine Coons: “Step 1—buy from someone with real experience showing Maine Coons. Not just breeding them—actually showing them. Step 2—repeat Step 1!”

When selecting a potential show cat, she looks for temperament and how well the cat fits the breed standard. “They can be the most stunning example of the breed, but if the temperament isn’t there, they’ll never thrive in the ring.”

And yes, she’s even shown a white entire male all the way to Cat of the Year —“something I have no intention of doing again!” she says with a laugh



Fiona plans to retire Hagrid from the show bench at the end of 2025, though he may make the occasional appearance on exhibition. And before he’s neutered, she’s hoping he’ll give her something truly special: her next once-in-a-lifetime cat.



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**Black cats aren't bad luck! That's false information made up by orange cats!**

**Being a cat parent means being judged by a creature that licks its own butt but somehow still acts like royalty!**



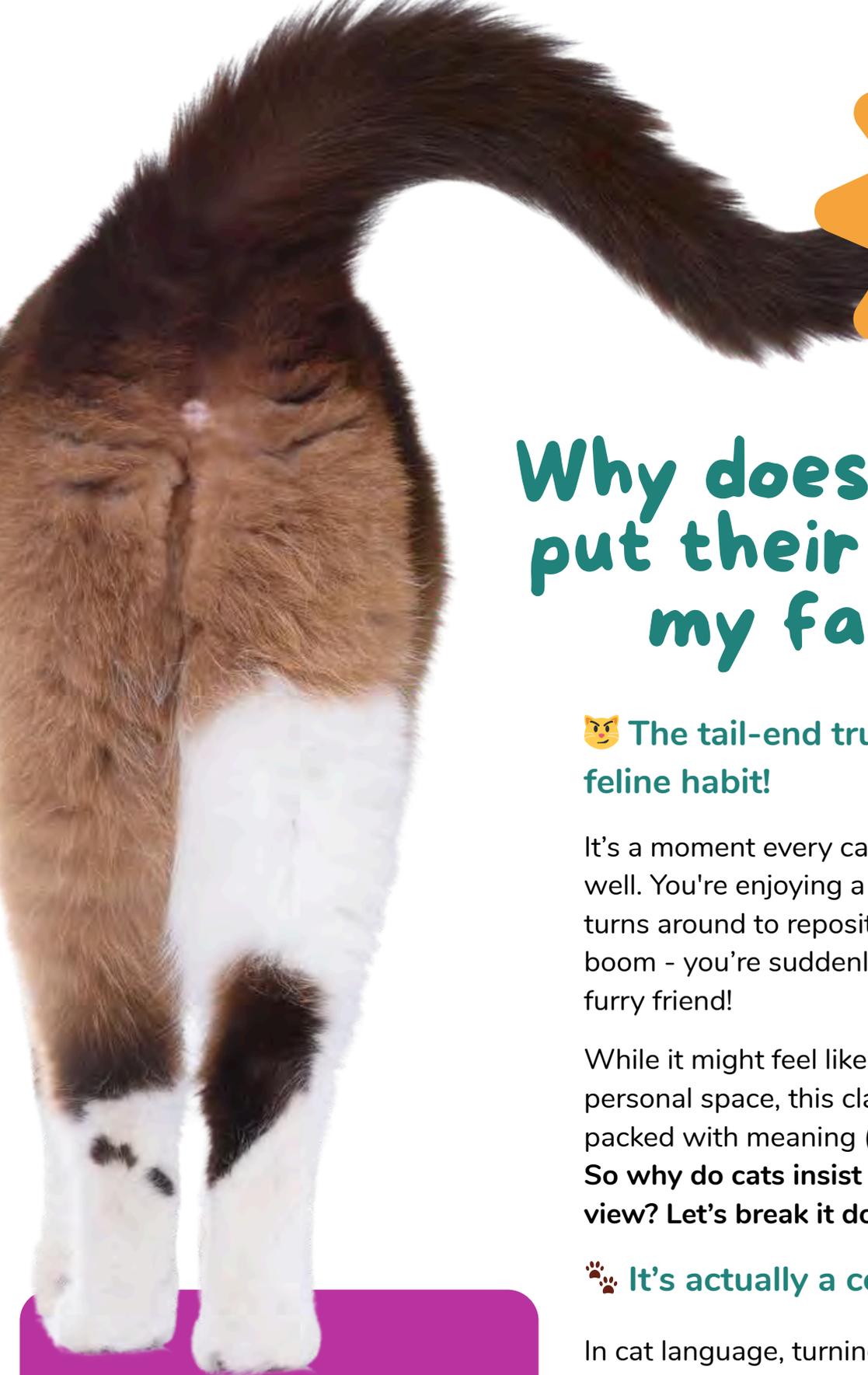
**Me: Why am I always broke?  
Amazon: Your frog outfit will be delivered today!**



## **LEAF IT TO ME – HOW ONE CAT “PAYS” FOR HER FISH**

This adorable kitty story was recently posted by @UnionRebelMs on X (formerly Twitter), capturing hearts with its charming simplicity.

He wrote, “Seeing people come to buy fish and handing the owner money, this cat went out and got a leaf to pay for her fish. On the first day, the owner of the shop thought this was very cute, so he gave her a small fish. Now, every day, this cat comes in to buy a fish with a leaf.”



**DO YOU  
EVER  
WONDER?**

## Why does my cat put their butt in my face?!

😼 **The tail-end truth behind a very feline habit!**

It's a moment every cat owner knows all too well. You're enjoying a cosy cuddle, your cat turns around to reposition themselves - and boom - you're suddenly nose-to-bum with your furry friend!

While it might feel like an awkward breach of personal space, this classic cat move is actually packed with meaning (and no, it's not a prank). **So why do cats insist on giving us the rear view? Let's break it down!**

🐾 **It's actually a compliment!**

In cat language, turning around and presenting their backside is a sign of trust. In the feline world, cats greet each other by sniffing noses and, yes, each other's behinds. It's how they gather information and say "hi."

So while we might find it a little, ahem, up-close and personal, your cat is just treating you like a fellow feline.

When your cat turns their tail toward you, it's their way of saying: ***"I trust you, I'm comfortable with you, and you're part of my crew."***

## **It's a social behaviour!**

In multi-cat households, cats often show their behinds to each other as part of friendly interactions. Kittens even lift their tails to their mothers as a way of seeking attention and care.

Your cat might be doing the same with you - especially if they're in the mood for affection, a scratch at the base of the tail, or simply a bit of bonding.

## **Or... they want something!**

Sometimes, the infamous butt-in-face move is less about love and more about strategy. They might be positioning themselves for pats, trying to get your attention, or just being unintentionally rude while climbing over your laptop.

## **How should you respond?**

You don't have to embrace the face-full of fur, but there's no need to be offended either. You can gently redirect your cat or give them a scratch at the base of the tail (many cats love it there).

Or just accept the gesture for what it is - a slightly odd, very feline way of saying: "I like you."



So next time your cat offers you the rear-end royal treatment...

**Take it as the weirdest compliment you'll get all day. It might not be how we say "I love you" - but in their world, it's pretty high praise.**

Want more fun cat behaviour decoded?  
Let us know which mysteries you'd like us to tackle next!

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# RAISING CONFIDENT, CONNECTED KITTENS –

*a guide to socialisation!*

From just two weeks old, a kitten begins to shape their relationship with the world. And by nine weeks, that magical window of deep socialisation begins to gently close. These early weeks are the foundation for creating cats who feel safe, loved, and confident around humans—and it's our privilege to guide them.

Whether you're raising rescue kittens or preparing pedigree beauties for their future homes, the approach is the same: consistent, gentle, joyful interaction.

Every day, kittens need to be seen, touched, loved. They need to be held close, introduced to new experiences, and supported in exploring the sights, sounds, and rhythms of human life.

And wherever possible, kittens should stay with their mama and siblings until they're at least 12–13 weeks old. Their feline family plays a powerful role in teaching life lessons—like how to use their mouth gently and how to interact without harm.

*Daily  
interaction -  
beyond feeding  
and cleaning -  
is where the  
magic happens!*

*It's the  
difference  
between  
raising cats  
who are simply  
cared for... and  
cats who are  
deeply  
connected!*



# THE NEXT PHASE –

## *how we help kittens thrive*

Around 4.5 to 5 weeks of age, our role begins to shift from comforter to coach. Yes, the cuddles continue—but now we're laying the groundwork for confidence, resilience, and healthy habits.

### Litter training

Most kittens learn to use a litter box naturally, especially if mama's around. But orphaned kittens or those needing extra help can be guided with simple, thoughtful steps:

- Use shallow trays—like cardboard food boxes or low-edged baking pans—to make access easy.
- Choose safe, non-clumping, unscented, and undyed litter (since some kittens will taste-test everything!).
- Leave a small amount of waste in the box when scooping—this helps reinforce the right place to go.
- Place multiple boxes around the space so a busy, playful kitten never has far to run.
- Temporarily remove soft items like towels and beds to avoid confusion about where it's okay to go.



**CLEAN  
BOX?  
CHALLENGE  
ACCEPTED**

## Weaning and solid foods

Weaning should always be guided by curiosity, not force. Let kittens explore food at their own pace, and expect a little mess.

- Watch closely for signs of tummy trouble (like diarrhea).
- Offer a wide variety of foods early on to develop an adventurous palate without overwhelming their digestion.
- Introduce some high-quality raw options if you're comfortable, with professional guidance. This helps build health resilience and makes future diet transitions easier.

## BUILDING BEAUTIFUL HABITS – *body confidence and gentle grooming*

To raise kittens who feel at ease with touch and care, we need to create positive experiences early and often.

- Touch ears, mouth, nose, paws, and eyes daily to build tolerance and trust.
- Use a blanket wrap and a tiny bit of syringe water to simulate gentle medication routines, followed by a big dose of love or a tasty reward.
- Begin claw trims from around 2–3 weeks old, using kitten-safe tools and lots of positive reinforcement.
- Introduce gentle brushing and, later, soft toothbrushes so grooming becomes familiar and stress-free.



## LAP TIME AND LOVE



Want to raise lap cats? Create the habit. Gently encourage your kittens to rest on your lap, your chest, or your arm during nap times. Here's how:

- Set aside time daily (or at least 3–4 times a week) to offer your lap as a safe, warm place to sleep.
- Stroke them softly as they drift off, and let them rest undisturbed for 20 minutes or more.
- When it's time to move, do so with tenderness and praise.
- If they come to you for cuddles—say yes. Every time. You're

## PLAY THAT BUILDS TRUST - NOT FEAR

Play is more than just fun—it's how kittens learn, build confidence, and connect. But how we play matters.

- Avoid using hands or feet as toys, no matter how tempting. This creates confusion and potential behavioural issues later on.
- Offer a range of safe, stimulating toys that match their developmental stage.
- With singletons, provide a kicker toy or plush stand-in for sibling-style roughhousing to help burn energy and build healthy play skills.
- Keep play slow and gentle at first—especially around 4–5 weeks—to avoid startling them.
- Use play to build their trust in humans and deepen your bond.



# CONFIDENT KITTENS

*are curious kittens*



Life beyond the nursery can be big and strange. That's why it's essential to gently expand a kitten's world while they're still in your care.

- Let them safely explore new spaces—screened porches, grassy gardens, quiet rooms outside the nursery.
- Take them on short car rides or errands (secure in their carrier), so travel isn't scary later on.
- Introduce them to new people, new animals (when safe), and new experiences bit by bit.



**Every kitten deserves a beautiful beginning - and with your care, they can have one.**

Whether your little ones are destined for loving homes or staying with you forever, this early work pays off in lifelong connection, confidence, and joy. There's something deeply magical about watching a well-socialised kitten step into the world ready to be loved. You're not just raising cats—you're raising hearts that are open, trusting, and ready for a life filled with affection and adventure.



WELL, HE PASSED THE LIE  
DETECTOR TEST, BUT I  
STILL THINK HE'S ALREADY  
BEEN FED



# THINGS I DO

IN MY SPARE TIME



HANG OUT  
WITH CATS



LOOK AT  
CATS



RESEARCH  
CATS



TALK ABOUT  
CATS



THINK  
ABOUT CATS



WATCH CAT  
VIDEOS

If people don't like you,  
it's okay.  
But if cats don't like you...  
Then it's time for some  
self-reflection.

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FIVE MINUTES AFTER YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE

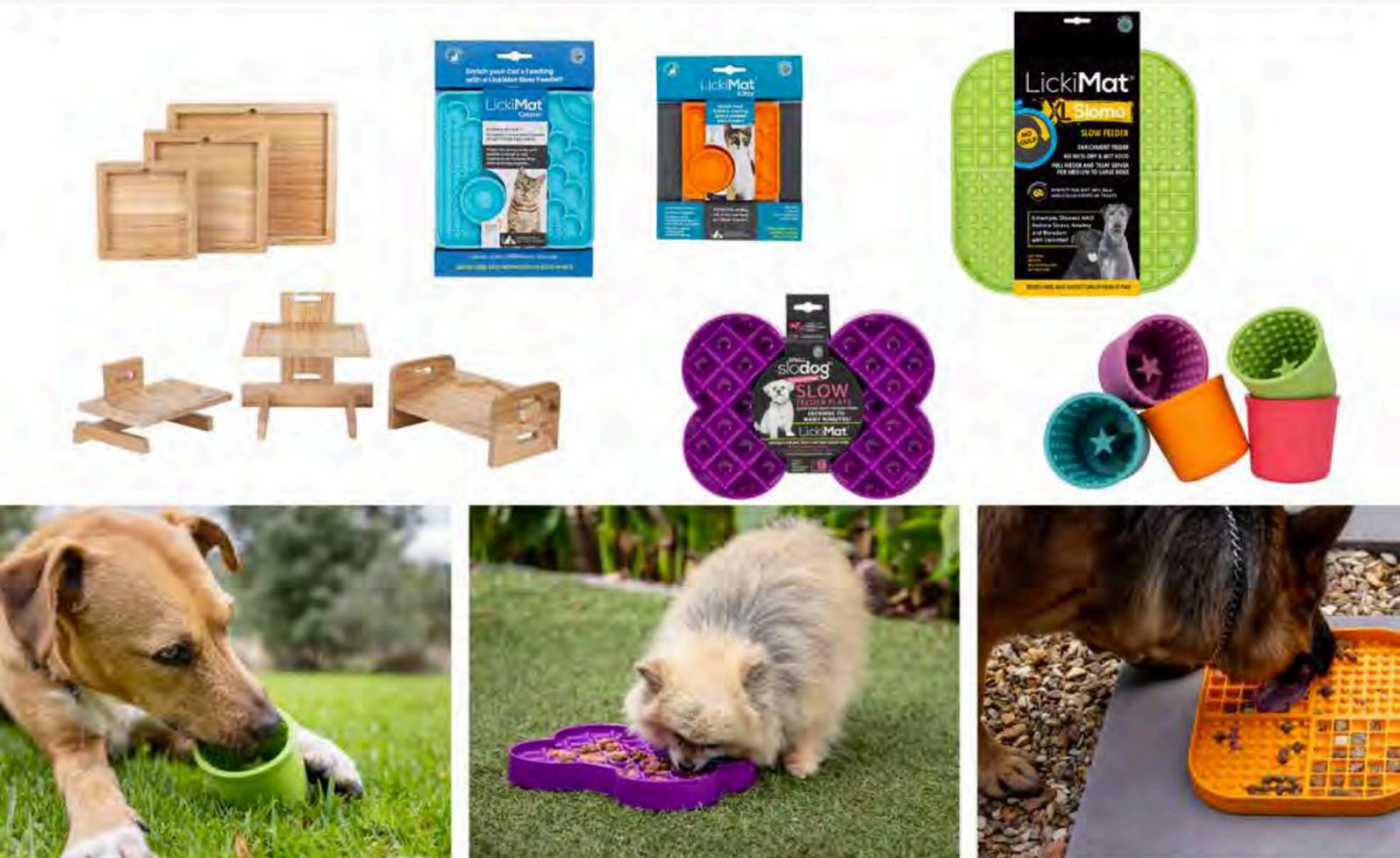
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# ***THE KITTEN'S GUIDE TO WORLD DOMINATION...*** (starting with your home)

Congratulations—you've just welcomed a tiny overlord into your life. Don't let the big eyes and tiny toe beans fool you. That fluffball is ready to claim your heart, your couch, and possibly your keyboard.

But behind every confident cat is a gentle, thoughtful start. These early days are about more than litter boxes and food bowls. They're about connection. Trust. And building the kind of bond that makes your kitten feel like the queen (or king) of their new kingdom—without the chaos.

So here's your step-by-step guide to a smooth, soulful, and slightly silly kitten homecoming.



## ***SET UP THEIR ROYAL SUITE (AKA A SANCTUARY SPACE)***

Before your kitten starts exploring their empire, give them a calm, secure room to call their own. Think of it as their throne room.

🍲 What to include:

- A soft bed or cosy blanket in a quiet corner
- A shallow litter tray (not next to the food—royals have standards)
- Small food and water dishes
- A few toys for gentle play and comfort
- A scratching pad to start those queenly habits early

*Letting a kitten loose in the whole house on day one? That's like dropping a toddler in a shopping centre and hoping for the best. Start small. Expand slowly.*

## ***LET THEM MAKE THE FIRST MOVE***

Once home, open the carrier in their sanctuary space and let them step out when they're ready. No swooping. No squealing. Just sit close, speak softly, and let them know you're here—and fabulous.



## ***KEEP THE KINGDOM CALM (FOR NOW)***

For the first few days:

- Keep noise levels low
- Skip scented candles and strong sprays
- Stick to a gentle daily rhythm of feeding, cleaning, and cuddles
- Limit visitors—they'll meet their adoring fans soon enough

✦ A calming playlist doesn't hurt. Royal kittens love ambient vibes.

## ***USE TOUCH TO BUILD TRUST***

Once they're exploring with confidence, begin handling their ears, paws, and face gently. Let them nap on you. Give them little neck rubs and “you've got this” energy.

You're not just a human. You're becoming their safe space.





## ***MAKE CUDDLE TIME PART OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE***

Let them curl up on your lap, shoulder, or chest during naps. These slow moments are where the magic (and the bonding hormones) live. Think less “pet owner,” more “living, breathing heated blanket.”

## ***INTRODUCE OTHER PETS LIKE A DIPLOMATIC MEETING***

Got other furry family members? This is not a surprise party.

Start with scent swaps (a towel with their scent), then allow visual contact through a baby gate. Go slow. Stay calm. Supervise always.



## ***GET VET-READY WITH LOW-DRAMA VIBES***

Book an early check-up and bring treats, a cosy blanket, and lots of reassurance. Help them get comfy with being handled—touch their paws, ears, and mouth gently. Short car rides help too.



Applaud their bravery.

Cheer their curiosity.

Because this is the  
start of a lifelong reign  
- and you're their  
chosen human.

## ***FINAL WORD FROM YOUR FUTURE FELINE RULER***

"I didn't choose the cat life. You did. You brought me here.  
Now let's make this castle magical."

You're not just welcoming a pet—you're inviting wonder,  
joy, and a whole lot of personality into your world.  
So relax, enjoy the ride, and maybe clear off a shelf or  
two. The new boss likes high places.

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**IN ANCIENT TIMES  
CATS WERE  
WORSHIPPED AS  
GODS; THEY HAVE  
NOT FORGOTTEN  
THIS!**

”



# SAVING YOUR SOFA –

## *the truth about scratching*

The first thing to remember is scratching isn't bad behaviour - it's instinct!

Cats scratch to care for their claws, stretch their muscles, mark their territory, and release energy. The problem? If you don't give them a proper outlet, your sofa might become their go-to spot.

### **Why they do it:**

Claw care – Removes dead claw sheaths

Stretching – Keeps muscles limber

Territory – Scent and visual marks

Stress relief – A way to self-soothe or express excitement

### **What they love to scratch:**

Sofa corners, carpet edges, and wooden table legs - anywhere with texture and access.

### **How to redirect:**

Provide options – Sisal posts, cardboard pads, or cat trees

Place them smartly – Near sleeping spots or scratch-prone areas

Reward the good stuff – Treats or praise when they use the post

Deter the bad spots – Double-sided tape or pet-safe sprays

### **Choose the right post:**

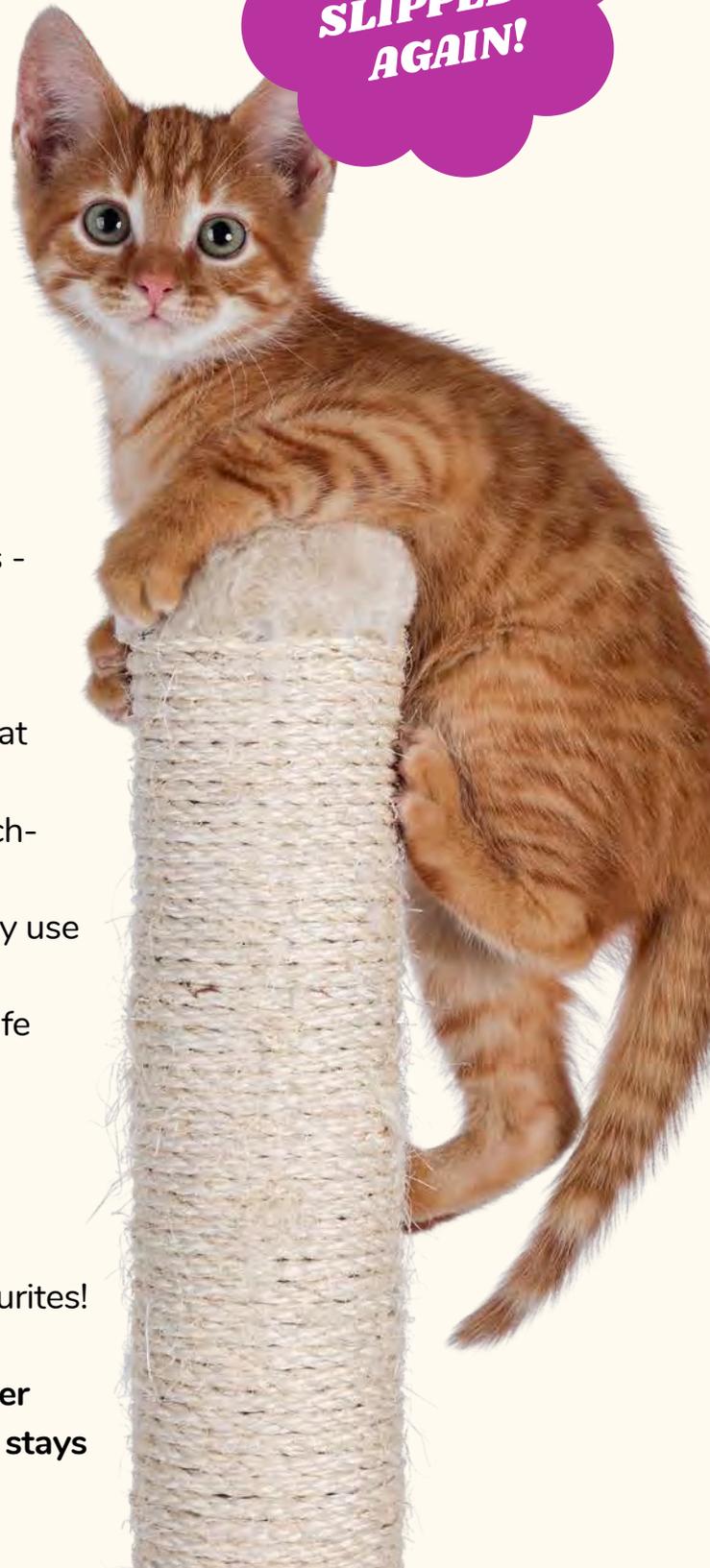
Tall enough for a full stretch (60cm+),

Stable and sturdy,

Material your cat enjoys - sisal and carpet are favourites!

**Keep nails trimmed, replace worn posts, and never punish scratching. With the right setup, your cat stays happy - and your couch stays intact.**

**OOPS! MY  
CLAWS  
SLIPPED...  
AGAIN!**



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# NOT JUST PEDIGREES

*why every cat can be a show cat!*



*When most people think of cat shows, they picture perfectly groomed Persians, sleek Siamese and majestic Maine Coons - cats with official pedigrees and impressive lineage.*

*But here's the truth that might surprise you: a cat doesn't need a pedigree to strut their stuff in the show ring.*

*Yes, even your beloved rescue, your mixed-breed mouser, or the fabulous feline lounging on your windowsill could be a showstopper. Cat shows welcome all cats - including domestics - and they each bring their own kind of magic to the stage.*

## WHAT IS A DOMESTIC SHOW CAT?

In cat show terms, a domestic cat refers to a non-pedigree feline. They don't belong to a recognised breed and don't have registration papers, but what they do have is personality, presence, and potential.

Domestic cats often fall into categories like:

**Domestic Shorthair (DSH)** – Mixed-breed cats with short coats

**Domestic Longhair (DLH)** – Fluffy beauties with longer coats

**Companion or Household Pets** – This is the category many clubs use for cats without pedigree status

These cats are judged on condition, grooming, temperament, and overall appearance - not on how closely they match a breed standard.

## WHY SHOW A DOMESTIC?

There are so many reasons to show your domestic cat:

- It's fun! You get to be part of a passionate community that celebrates cats in all their forms
- It's empowering to showcase the beauty of a rescue or mixed-breed cat on a public stage
- It's accessible – No need for official paperwork or breed registration
- It highlights excellent care – Judges love seeing a well-groomed, healthy, and happy cat, no matter their background
- It supports awareness – Shows that open to domestics help promote the value of adoption and the worth of all cats

## WHAT MAKES A DOMESTIC CAT A GOOD CANDIDATE?

You don't need a fancy lineage—but your cat should:

- Be confident around people, noise, and travel
- Be in excellent health and condition
- Be well-groomed with clean ears, bright eyes, and trimmed nails
- Be up to date with vaccinations and vet checks
- Ideally enjoy (or at least tolerate) being handled by strangers

And let's be honest—if they've got a bit of sparkle, sass, or swagger, that helps too.

## THE JOY OF SHARING YOUR STAR

Many domestic cat owners say that entering their cat in shows is a celebration of their bond. It's a way to show the world how special their cat is—not because of pedigree, but because of their unique charm. Plus, domestic cats often win hearts (and ribbons!) with their endearing personalities and “underdog” appeal.



## ALL CATS DESERVE THE SPOTLIGHT

Whether your cat has papers or purrs on the kitchen counter between naps, they deserve to be celebrated.

The show ring isn't just for the elite—it's for the everyday stars, the surprise supermodels, and the cats who never let their mixed-breed status dim their shine.

So go ahead—brush out that coat, pack a favourite toy, and let your domestic delight show the world what they're made of. You might just go home with a ribbon... and a heart full of pride.



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# DNA SPOTLIGHT –

Understanding the power of DNA testing

*Your guide to genetic testing for breeders and cat owners*

Welcome to the second edition of DNA Spotlight, an ongoing series that explores the role of DNA testing in the world of cat breeding and ownership. With advances in genetic science, DNA testing has become one of the most valuable tools in a breeder's toolbox - supporting healthier breeding decisions and long-term breed integrity.

Over the coming issues, we'll take a deeper look into specific tests, how to interpret results, and how this knowledge can shape the future of ethical, responsible breeding.

## THIS ISSUE'S FOCUS: GROUP 2 BREEDS

Balinese  
Foreign White SH & LH  
Oriental SH & LH  
Peterbald  
Siamese

We've compiled a list of DNA disease tests recommended by three major laboratories: Orivet, UC Davis, and Langford Vets (UK)

To read the google doc with more details and links [click here](#)



# RECOMMENDED TESTS BY BREED

## Balinese

- Hereditary Retinal Degeneration PRA (CEP290),
- Polycystic Kidney Disease

## Foreign White SH & LH

- Polycystic Kidney Disease

## Oriental SH & LH

- Gangliosidosis,
- Hereditary Retinal Degeneration PRA (CEP290),
- Polycystic Kidney Disease

## Peterbald

- Hereditary Retinal
- Degeneration PRA (CEP290),
- Polycystic Kidney Disease

## Siamese

- Gangliosidosis,
- Hereditary Retinal Degeneration PRA (CEP290),
- Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI (D520N) NO ASSOCIATION (MILD FORM),
- Niemann-Pick Disease – Sphingomyelinosis,
- Polycystic Kidney Disease

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# WHAT THE KEY DISEASES MEAN

## *What the key diseases mean*

Here's a quick explanation of the most common conditions covered in these tests:

### **PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) –**

Common in Persians; causes kidney cysts and potential renal failure.

### **HCM (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy) –**

A heart condition that can cause sudden death. Specific mutations found in Maine Coons and Ragdolls.

### **PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) –**

Causes progressive blindness; different types are found in Persian and Abyssinian lineages.

### **PK Def (Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency) –**

Leads to anaemia due to a red blood cell enzyme deficiency.

### **SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) –**

Affects movement and muscle tone in the hind limbs.

### **Mucopolysaccharidosis VI –**

Affects skeletal development and joint mobility.

### **GSD IV (Glycogen Storage Disease) –**

Rare but fatal disease in Norwegian Forest Cats.

### **Niemann-Pick Disease –**

Affects fat storage in cells and can lead to severe neurological symptoms.

DNA testing isn't just for large breeding catteries—it's a valuable tool for anyone committed to the health and integrity of their cats.

Whether you're working on colour goals or reducing the risk of disease, understanding your cat's DNA gives you clarity, confidence, and control over your program.

In future issues, we'll spotlight colour genetics, carriers, case studies, and how to read your DNA reports.

**Stay curious - and test smart!**

**Written by  
Peta Sperduty**



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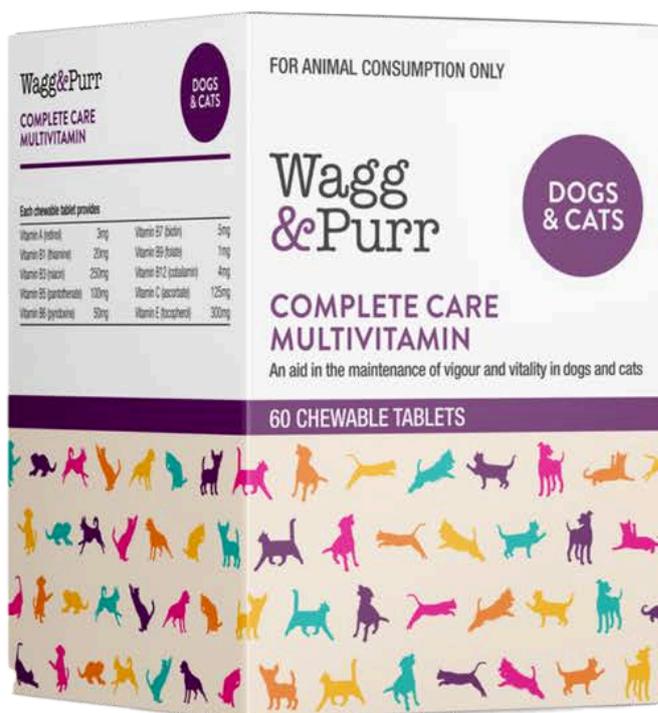
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# Calling All Young Artists!

## Enter our 'Draw or Paint Your Cat' Art Competition

For kids aged 12 and under

### Do you know a creative young cat lover?

Maybe your child, grandchild, or a friend's little artist loves to draw or paint animals - especially their furry feline companion?

We're excited to invite children aged 12 years and under to take part in our 'Draw or Paint Your Cat' Art Competition! This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to get creative, have fun, and share their love of cats with the Cat Fancy community.



### WHAT TO DO

Simply draw or paint a cat - it can be your own cat, a show cat, a famous cat, or even a dream cat with wings and rainbow fur! Use any materials you like: crayons, pencils, paint, pastels... as long as the final artwork is A4 size or smaller, on paper or canvas.

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## Prizes & Recognition

There will be three prize packages, including:

-  A Major First Place Trophy
-  Runner-up awards for 2nd and 3rd place
-  Highly Commended certificates depending on the number of entries (Trophies are being generously donated by sponsors - because let's be honest, kids love trophies!)

## Judging

The competition will be judged fairly and thoughtfully by:

A professional artist

A Cats NSW Committee member

Entries will be judged based on age, ability, and creativity.

## Important Dates

We'll be sharing updates and details across two issues of Cat Chat:

December 2025 – Inspiration & links to help kids learn how to draw or paint cats

December 2025 – Competition entry details, rules and how to submit

April 2026 – Winning artwork will appear on the front cover, and runners-up will be featured inside!



## Who Can Enter?

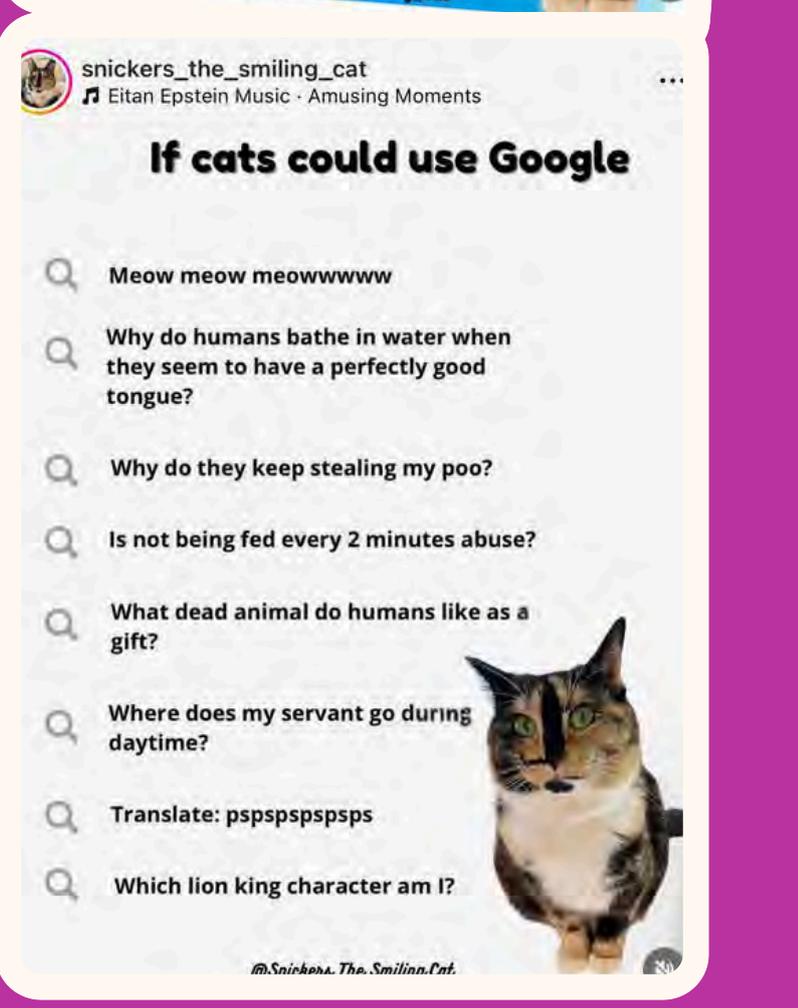
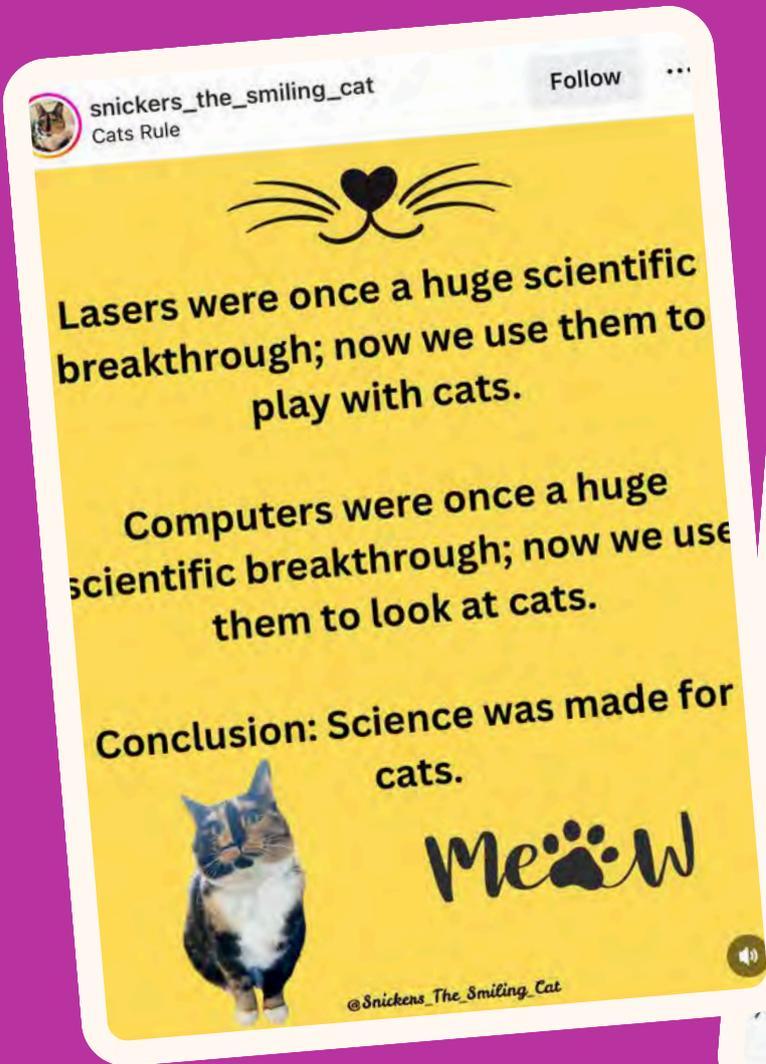
The competition is open to Cats NSW members, their family, and friends. It's a fun way to encourage junior creativity and could even spark interest in our Junior Handler program!

## How to Enter

More details about entry and how to submit artwork will be included in the December 2025 issue of Cat Chat - but for now, it's time to start creating!

## Let's Celebrate Our Next Generation of Cat Lovers

Whether it's a detailed portrait, a colourful cartoon, or a sparkly painted masterpiece - every entry will be a celebration of cats and creativity. We can't wait to see what the young artists come up with!



Thanks for the laughs  
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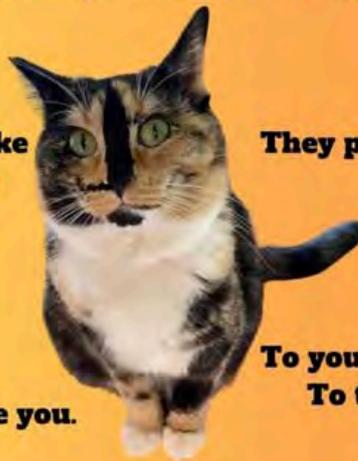
**I'll be happy when you leave. Sorry, it's the truth**

**Here I am treated like a baby, I expect you to do the same**

**They probably like me more than you**

**Everything you do, I will probably judge you. Just deal with it**

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