

Moggy Mail

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We care, when you're not there!

Issue 2

Does Your Moggy Go Mad For Cat Nip?

Catnip is the one thing that can render a cat helpless with euphoria and excitement. It encourages your cat to play, exercise and generally feel good. But why does catnip attract cats, and how can you use it to keep your cat happy?

Catnip, or catmint, is a herb from the mint family with medicinal qualities. The excitement a cat gets from catnip will usually only last a few minutes, before she becomes used to the chemical. It'll take an hour or so before the same chemical reaction can be triggered again. However, not all cats are sensitive to catnip. Some cats are totally unbothered, while the majority of cats seem to go

wild with excitement

Grow your own!

If your cat is into catnip in a big way, you might like to consider adding the herb to your garden. It's inexpensive and very easy to grow, and you can buy a packet of catnip seeds from any good garden centre.

Once you have your cuttings, you need to dry them. First of all, strip the leaves from the stems and spread them on a tray. The leaves can be placed on top of each other, to a depth of 3 or 4 inches.

Discard the stems and place the trays of leaves in a well-aired spot, making sure it's one that your cat

can't get to. After a couple of weeks, the leaves should be brittle and start to crumble. Once they're at the stage where they flake, they're ready

Treats in Disguise...

Catnip can also be a brilliant exercise and training tool to keep your cat healthy without her even knowing she's having a workout. You can buy catnip in a spray form as well. By spraying the liquid onto a scratching post, you'll encourage your cat to scratch and nibble the post and not your best armchair. Not only does this help discourage your cat from bad habits, but it also acts as an immediate reward for good behaviour.

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The Games They Play... written for your cat by Simba, the Ginger Ninja

Favourite Cat Game No 1.: Stare at nothing at all.

How to play:

Find a focal point on the wall (preferably with nothing at all around it) and stare fixedly. When your human inquires as to what you are looking at, ignore him entirely. When he finally gets up and goes over

to investigate, look away and fix your gaze at another blank spot on an opposite wall. This one is bound to cause a great deal of animated discussion. Bipedes will never get it, which makes it more fun for us cats.

Favourite Cat Game No 2 The Newspaper Trick

How to play:

We all know that humans are fascinated by those deliciously crinkly toys they call newspapers. Just when your human is feeling a bit down, give him the attention he so sorely needs. The **very best** time to do so is when he has gone to his newspaper for comfort. Enjoy!

Kitty Food Offers!

We've trawled the world of cat food to bring you the best deals during June...

Purely Cat Food

This lovely food, from **Pets at Home**, is normally £4.30 for 12 pouches—until 19th June you can buy 2 x 12 mix and match boxes for **£7.50**.

Felix As Good As It Looks

Mix and match offer on 24 packs—normally £8.39 per box, now you can buy **3 for £18** from **Pets at Home**

Whiskas Adult Biscuits

2kg bags, mix and match on all varieties, normally £4.35 each, now **2 for £7.00** from **Asda** offer ends 16 June 2009

Gourmet Perle

Country Style cat food in jelly 12 x 85g pack—normally £4.89, now **£3.66 at Sainsbury's**. Offer valid until 23 June 2009

Felix 12 x 100g pouches

various mix and match - **2 for £5** from **Asda** (valid until 23 June 2009) and **Sainsburys**

(valid until 16 June 2009). Offer subject to availability.

Almo Nature Chicken 70g

7 cans plus 1 free from **zooplus.co.uk**. £5.10 per pack instead of £5.90. Offer subject to availability, whilst stocks last.

Enjoy!

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All About... Bengals

Despite our name, we care from all sorts of cats, from moggies to pedigrees. We've noticed Bengals seem very popular at the moment, so we are taking a closer look.

As a breed, Bengals are relatively new, and are a hybrid between domestic cats and the Asian leopard cat. They exhibit “wild” markings, such as large spots or rosettes, and

a typically light or white belly.

As a breed, Bengals can be considered more “dog-like” - they can be trained well and tend to be very affectionate. Many will wilfully do things to displease if affection is not returned immediately! They like water more than many domestic cats, and will often sit or play around the bath—though most still dislike being splashed!

The feral heritage of the breed

reveals itself in a tremendous aptitude for hunting and concealment, and hence small “presents” of mice / birds / insects tend to be lavished on the loving owner.

Any guests should beware, as Bengals frequently mark their territory by rubbing their faces against people or objects—endearing if you are prepared for it, but for non cat lovers, probably terrifying!

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If you've not already joined us, come and be friends with Moggy Minders on Facebook.

If we are looking after your kitty, we'll ensure that we post a daily update about what he is up to whilst you are away. If he is a poser, we will also take some pictures of him and upload them to the website, so you can keep in touch with him

and not miss him too much!

We also try to post articles and snippets of information that we feel may be useful to all our cat lovers out there, and enjoy it when you share your kitty pictures (or from one of our clients a lovely song) with us. We also love kitties who have their own pages—you know who you are!

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