



KATS' TALES

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Do You Speak Cat? (Part 4)



Vocalization

Meowing: Generally adult cats do not meow at each other.

Kittens meow to their mothers as

a sign that they are in need of food, affection, or attention, or they want to convey their displeasure about something.

Chirping: When you hear a cat chirping, that means he is intrigued, excited by something he sees. Chirping is often heard while the cat is looking out a window and he sees something he wants to attack/play with. This is often accompanied by a quick, twitching tail. This is not the time to pet your cat; he will only redirect his excitable energy on the next thing that comes near him. **Growling:** A closed mouth growl can indicate both fear and aggression. A low, deep growl is often a

warning to stay away...or you will regret it. **Hissing:** Hissing can also mean both fear and aggression. The best way to try and differentiate is to step back and factor in other body language cues. If you encounter a hissing cat, slowly move away without turning your back to him. **Howling:** General howling is a warning to stay away, but can also indicate extreme anxiety (or illness). Female cats will also howl when they are in heat. **Licking:** Cats are extremely social beings and will engage in licking as a means of grooming and friendly bonding. A cat will affectionately lick a person with the same purpose. **Purring and Kneading:** Purring and kneading is a sign of contentment for a cat. They are happy, content, and are bonding with their companions.

Kneading or purring is also a way for a cat to mark their territory—leaving small amounts of scent from scent glands under the paws. It is plain to see (and hear) that cats are complicated creatures with a vast spectrum of emotions and a large verbal and non-verbal vocabulary. Learning your cat's language will not only help you to understand him better, it will strengthen your bond. This is only a handful of the messages conveyed through your cat's body language. Being able to communicate with your feline friend can open up many possibilities, and your cat will thank you too!



Traveling With Your Cat

Whether on a trip home for the holidays, or a move across country, there are a number of considerations when traveling with your cat. If you will be staying in hotels, you should call ahead to make sure they allow pets. There are books and websites that can help you find cat-friendly places to stay. One example is www.petswelcome.com

Regulations vary between states, countries, and even airlines. Make sure to check with the consulate prior to travel regarding vaccination requirements. Some countries require months of organization ahead of the trip, so as soon as you know your destination it is important to begin preparations. In the USA, check before travel to Hawaii as it is a destination that requires advanced plan-

ning if you plan to take pets there. Your cat should never be loose in a vehicle such as a car, bus, train, or airplane. He may become frightened and run away or lodge himself somewhere dangerous. He should be in a cat carrier, either soft or hard-sided, for both his and your safety. **Next month:** a list of items to bring with you when traveling with your cat.

Can You Give Me A Forever Home?



Hi! My name is Buddy, and I have been at the shelter for too long! Don't get me wrong, I receive excellent care there, but I'm longing to go to a real home and become part of a family. Can you help me? I'm a male Himalayan Persian, so my fur will need pretty constant grooming, but I just had an extreme haircut, so right now I'm soft and sleek. I'm quite affectionate, really I am, but sometimes I don't get along too well with other "big boy" cats. You can stop by and meet me any time that the shelter is open for adoption hours, Mondays from 4 to 7 P.M. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 3 P.M.

Upcoming Events

- **Yard Sale** - Saturday, September 25, 9:00 A.M. at the Kingdom Canine Center, 100 Hemlock Lane, just off Main Street in Lyndonville. All proceeds go directly to the care of our cats and kittens. If you have items to donate, please call Deanna at (802) 274-6033 or Sandy at (802) 673-7954 to arrange a time to drop things off or to make arrangements to pick up items if you are unable to drop them off. **Thanks for supporting Kingdom Animal Shelter!**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures which promote the health, care and handling, and prevent over population and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

Please forward this to your friends, family, co-workers, or anyone interested in supporting our shelter. **If you no longer wish to receive emails from Kingdom Animal Shelter, please hit "Reply" and change the subject line to UNSUBSCRIBE.** Kingdom Animal Shelter respects your privacy and will never share or sell your email address or other information.