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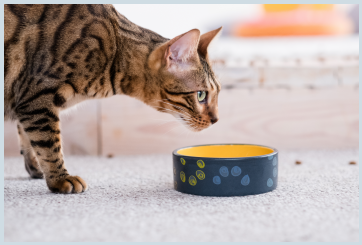
Summer Fun

Looking for ways to give your cat fun during the summer months?
Try the following five activities and then take photos of your cats doing them.

Treats

Provide your cat with a cool meaty treat! Drain the water off your cat's wet food and freeze it in an ice cube tray. Other meaty options include the juice from canned tuna or chicken, along with little pieces of meat. You might also sprinkle in a dash of cat nip.



Water Fun

Blow catnip bubbles for your cat! Many cats will jump up and try to pop bubbles as they float around. There are flavored bubbles available at pet stores that are non-toxic, edible, and safe for pets to bite at and snap right out of the air.



Forage Boxes

Satisfy your cat's need to dig and root around with a forage box! You can build your own by filling a cardboard box or storage container with treats, toys, or safe outdoor objects like leaves, pinecones, rocks, and twigs.



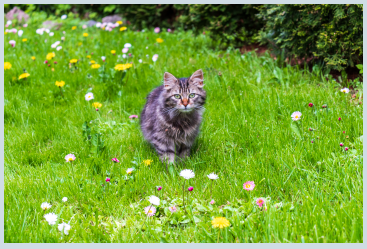
Tricks

Not all cats catch on to "Fetch," but if they do it's a great summer trick. Sit on the floor with your cat and toss a favorite toy. When your cat brings the toy back, give them lots of love and say, "Good fetch!" They might learn this is a fun game and ask for more.



Outings

Take your cat on an evening stroll in your backyard, neighborhood, or a nearby park, trail, or lake. Make sure the temperatures are cooling off and the breeze is light. Use a harness on your cat, and a reflective leash to make you and your cat easy to spot. Make you have plenty of water for the trek.



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