

Basic Rules for Cats Who Have a House to Run

These are the rules:

Doors-

Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get a door opened, stand on your hind legs and hammer with your forepaws. Once the door is opened, it is not necessary to use it.

Guests-

Quickly determine which guest dislikes cats the most. Sit on that lap. If you can arrange to have Fish n' Glop on your breath, so much the better.

When walking among the dishes on the dinner table, be prepared to look hurt and surprised when scolded. The idea is to convey, "But you allow me on the table when company is not here."

Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.

Work-

If one of your humans is sewing or writing and another is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called helping, otherwise know as hampering.

When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and, thereby, stand a better chance of being stepped on, picked up and consoled.

For readers, get in close under the chin, between the eyes and the reading material (book, magazine, newspaper) unless you can lie right on it.

Play -

It is important. Get enough sleep in the daytime so that you are fresh for playing catch mousie or king of the hill on your human's bed between 2:00 and 4:00 a.m.

BEGIN TRAINING PEOPLE EARLY. You will then have a smooth running household. Humans need to know basic rules. They can be taught if you start early and are consistent.