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5 ways to draw your cat closer

You'll do anything to spend time with your cat. But sometimes they're a little ... shall we say, coy? Don't despair. Strengthening your bond is all about luring them in through play.

Don't forget: Their ancestors lived in the wild.

Your favorite feline is a natural predator. So if they're ignoring your overtures, appeal to their natural hunter instincts. Try a toy that lets them stalk and pounce, such as a feather wand.



Ever-elusive.

But now,

totally captivated.

Mind games? Yes, please.

Your cat is obviously clever. Reward their natural intellect with cat-safe games and puzzles. They're great at fending off boredom while keeping your cat's mind sharp.

May we suggest a treat-dispensing cat toy with SHEBA® Meaty Tender Sticks?



Two can play

this game.

Every great relationship needs a little give and take.

If that toy is always just out of reach, your cat will call it quits. Let them catch the prey every now and then. Your kindness will be rewarded.



Ball of yarn, you are so yesterday.

When your cat loses interest in their current plaything, it's time to bring out a new distraction. Sometimes even the same toy in a different color is enough to pique their interest.



You can't get

enough of them. But

they're not so loyal

to Mr. Mouse.

Remember: When your cat is in the mood for food, they are more likely to play.

Feeding them smaller, more frequent meals allows you to coax their fun side out to play. And let's face it; the more you can both connect over a meal, the closer you'll feel.

Lure, play, bond. Repeat.

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Cat parents don't hesitate to celebrate their divine feline, whether it's a special occasion or not. However, few reasons are more purr-fect for partying than birthdays and gotcha days (e.g., their adoption day, first day home with you, day they were found as a stray, etc.).

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