

Cat Age and Catnip Response Study

Instructables

“A Scientist’s Guide to Citizen Science”

Step 8: “Doing your Own Studies”

Ethogram

Cat behaviors in response to catnip. Feel free to add behaviors for study.

Behavior	Code	Energy Use	Type	Definition
Sniff	SN	Low	Timed	Cat sniffs the catnip ball
Lick	LI	Low	Timed	Cat licks the catnip ball
Rub	RU	Low	Timed	Cat rubs any part of body on catnip ball
Flop	FL	Low	Instantaneous	Cat flops body on ground while eyeing catnip
Lazy Bat	LB	Low	Instantaneous	Cat bats at the catnip ball while laying down
Active Bat	AB	High	Instantaneous	Cat bats at the catnip ball while standing or chasing it
Jump	JU	High	Instantaneous	Cat jumps in attack of the catnip ball
Chase	CH	High	Timed	Cat chases the catnip ball

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