Cat Age and Catnip Response Study

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Ethogram

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

Behavior	Code	Energy Use	Туре	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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Data Sheet			
Observer:		Date:	·
Cat Owner (if diffe	rent from Observer):		
Cat Name:		Age:	
For this study, you	will need (in addition to	cats and catnip), a stop w	vatch and calculator.
Start-time	End-time	Behavior Code	Notes
The cat was observ	ved for	(must be	consistent for all cats in study)
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