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10 Reasons Your Cat Hates You

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Meows, tail twitching, screeches and scratches that have drawn blood—labeling your kitty a grumpy cat may be an understatement. Is it too much to ask for a little love and affection from

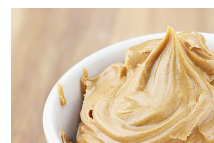


our feline companions? I mean, at times, it's like we are just people living in our cats' worlds—and we seem to be making a mess of things. While we do our best to keep our feline companions happy, all we get are hisses in return. Here are some things you might be doing to make your cat hate you.

#1. You dress him up: In glasses, hats, costumes – you name it, he's worn it. And while snapping a picture of your kitty in his get-up may put a smile on your face (and get a few hundred likes on Instagram!), he is less than amused.

#2. You give him stupid nicknames: How would you like to be called Pussy Wussy, Tina Spay or Snow Bite? You wouldn't. End of story.

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#3. You pet him: While we may find comfort in stroking our cats, some kitties find it downright stressful. Research has found that cats who tolerate being touched get the most stressed out about it, compared to the ones that enjoy or openly dislike it.

#4. You stare at him: Talk about getting the stink eye! You can actually spark a cat's aggressive side if you look him in the eyes for too long.

#5. You make him take walks like a dog: Does he sound like a dog, look like a dog or act like a dog? Well, no, because he is a cat—and therefore would prefer to walk like a cat.

#6. You hold him for more than 5 Seconds: Cuddling is for the birds—or dogs—just not some cats! Sure, there are a few felines out there that make for the best of snuggle buddies, but if your cat's tail is swaying and ears start flattening (Yoda style) then you should probably take the hint and let him be.

#7. You hold him in Lion King pose for a second or more: If your cat doesn't like you holding him in general (refer to the above number) than he really won't appreciate the Simba free fall position we all know and love.

#8. You eat chicken or fish without giving him a bite: How rude. He'd be more than willing to share a bite of his fancy feast... well, I wouldn't test that.

#9. You play with his paws: Come on, you're just asking for it.

#10. You sleep in: Two words for you: Cat, Naps. There is a reason why the term catnap is defined as "a short, light sleep." Kitties don't subscribe to a lazy bones mentality and would prefer if you spent more time playing with them and feeding them instead of snoozing in bed.

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