

CATNIP: Nonverbal Teasing

Advanced teasing is for when we have the time to create relationships with hard to reach students or cat colleagues or acquaintances. But what if we don't have the time? Use Nonverbal teasing to entice the cat to cooperate. (See chart below)

CAUTION: Be careful that you are accurate in your assessment that this person, in the context you interact with them, is in fact operating from their cat. It is inappropriate to tease dogs.

Nonverbal Teasing

Visual	Limit eye contact with the cat. When speaking to a group look at everyone except the cat.
Auditory	Lean past the cat to talk to someone on the other side. Use idioms of what the cat is doing; if rubbing neck their neck, talk about how the next assignment will be a "pain in the neck", or if they extend a forearm, say things like, "stretching this concept further.." When talking to group, and the cat is looking, as the cat starts to look away, pause abruptly in mid-syllable. Or raise voice sharply and then drop voice to a whisper to continue.
Kinesthetic	Gesture to the cat while talking but make eye contact with the dog. Gesture of relationship: can be "sending" or "receiving." Ex. "When you <i>get</i> this information (gesture to the cat) you will be delighted..." or "People <i>come</i> to understand eventually, (gesture from cat to you) that..." Gesture towards the cat while talking about traits or attributes or qualities you know the cat likes to hear about himself/herself. *avoid eye contact. Gesturing through yourself to "X" (the thing the cat wants.) (i.e., you have to come through me to get X)

Choose a student, colleague, friend or acquaintance you have identified as operating from their cat. Choose a time to visually tease the cat. Describe the results here:

Choose a student, colleague, friend or acquaintance you have identified as operating from their cat. Choose a time to auditorally tease the cat. List the “tease” you used from the chart and describe the results here:

Choose a student, colleague, friend or acquaintance you have identified as operating from their cat. Choose a time to kinesthetically tease the cat. List the “tease” you used from the chart and describe the results here: