

Nine Lives: Indirectly Approach the Cat

Dogs operate from the Golden Rule – treat others the way you want to be treated. When interacting with cats employ the Platinum Rule – treat cats the way they need to be treated. Understanding how cats operate helps develop better ways of interaction.

Discuss a cat student or colleague you have tried to approach *directly* by using the Golden Rule. How did the interaction go? Were they receptive? How did you feel afterwards?

Reflect on how understanding how cats need to be treated differently has changed the way you view interacting with cats. Is it difficult to train yourself to be less direct? Is it easier? How has this affected your relationships?