

# Training Guide

The Cat Track is designed as an interactive toy that you and your cat can enjoy together. Spend time teaching and encouraging your cat to use The Cat Track by following our step-by-step guide. Some cats will take to using The Cat Track a lot quicker than others, but we've used the following timescales as an average from our experience and testing.

## Where to locate your Cat Track

Once you have assembled your Cat Track, decide on the best location in your house. The Cat Track must be placed on to a flat, stable surface (ideally wood/laminate flooring or tiles). If placing onto carpet, ensure The Cat Track is sufficiently stable prior to use. We recommend situating The Cat Track next to a wall in a low traffic area of the house.

## Stage 1

Once your Cat Track is in position, leave it in place for a few days to allow your cat to get used to the sight and smell. Once your cat seems comfortable you may want to reinforce this by giving them some treats and/or playing with them next to the wheel.

After a few days, you can begin moving The Cat Track by hand while your cat is in the vicinity. This will introduce the movement to them, while also acclimitising them to the sounds.

At this stage, unless they show interest in climbing in to The Cat Track, it is best to just allow them to become comfortable around it.

**Important: DO NOT Lift your cat on to The Cat Track. Until they are used to climbing on to The Cat Track on their own accord, this will only scare them and potentially discourage them from using it.**

## **Stage 2**

If your cat hasn't already climbed onboard, now is the time to encourage your cat to do so. Place a few of their favourite treats on the edge of The Cat Track so that they can reach them from the floor. Place more treats on The Cat Track, gradually placing them further towards the centre and then far side of The Cat Track, so that they can access the treats firstly by stepping up with their front paws and then stepping fully onboard. As they start to step on The Cat Track will move slightly under their feet and the feeling of motion can be unusual to begin with so this step can take a while, but lots of patience, encouragement and treats! As mentioned before, do not lift your cat on to The Cat Track, it is important that they step on themselves.

## **Stage 3**

Once your cat is comfortable stepping on to The Cat Track, now is the time to encourage them to take some steps! As with the previous stages, slow and steady is the way to do it, let your cat do it in their own time. Do not try to speed up this stage by moving The Cat Track by hand with your cat onboard, this is likely to startle your cat and set back all your hard work so far.

Encourage your cat to sit or stand on The Cat Track and then using some high-value treats in your hand (such as fresh chicken) or your cat's favourite toy (dangly toys on sticks are particularly good for this purpose), encourage your cat to take a step forward. They may begin to move and then jump off, this is fine, patiently encourage them to jump back on and start again.

## **Stage 4**

Spend time with your cat, interacting with The Cat Track. Depending on the temperament of your cat, they may take to using The Cat Track on their own accord or they may prefer to use it with you there and this is a perfect opportunity to bond and build trust with you cat.