

When Greeting a Cat Follow Feline Etiquette

Body Language: Assess body language to determine if the cat appears receptive or reluctant.

Extend Index Finger: Get down on the cat's level and extend your index finger to mimic nose-to-nose kitty sniffing.

Wait for Consent: Cat may sniff your finger. If he advances he is probably ready to engage. If not, give him time/space.

Don't Overdo: Let the cat control the type and duration of interaction. Watch for body cues when she has had enough.

Don't Pursue: If the cat doesn't want more interaction or moves away, don't follow him. Let him see that he has choice and control.