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General Advice

- Always play this game together with your cat.
- Choose a good time to start the game: start it when your cat is fully awake and in a playful mood. Do not start playing when your cat has just been fed. As an alternative, you can feed your cat while playing the game by using your usual dry feed instead of treats. This prevents overfeeding and turns mealtimes into exciting adventures for your cat.
- Choose a place for the game where your cat feels relaxed and undisturbed.
- It is best to sit sideways to your cat and observe her in a quiet and discreet way. Please avoid staring at your cat as this can make her feel restrained.
- In order to motivate your cat, choose treats that she really likes in the beginning.
- Help your cat at the start so that she stays motivated. It is important that your cat is successful right from the start so that she connects the game with a positive outcome.
- Although cats are playful by nature, some have almost lost the ability to play. These cats have to relearn to play again.
- Cats are excellent observers and imitators. They can learn really well by watching you.

Important Notice:

Cats may react quite differently to new toys. Many cats will be highly motivated to play with the 'Cat Activity' toys and games right from the start. Others take their time to get used to them. They might ignore the toy at first, but start playing with enthusiasm later. In addition to that, there are cats that play full of concentration for a longer time, while others prefer to play for short spells, but more often. Whichever approach your cat chooses, let her develop her individual way to come to terms with the game.

Have lots of fun and success with your cat!

Let's start playing

In the first step your cat has to understand that the game board is a guaranty for a delicious surprise. Therefore start by spreading a few treats over the game board and let your cat eat them (repeat this several times). If your cat is watching expectantly and full of enthusiasm when you start preparing the game board, you can proceed to the next step and fill only the indentations with treats. Your cat should eat these unerringly and with enthusiasm.

Acquaint your cat with the various elements of the game individually.

1 Task with covering balls:

- Place a few treats into an indentation so that your cat can see and hear you doing it. Then cover the indentation with one of the balls. Thanks to a small hole, your cat can smell the treats and see them as well.

This provides an extra stimulus to play the game.

- Now your cat will try to paw away the ball to get at the treat. If she is not successful after the first couple of attempts, help by e.g. placing the treat only halfway under the ball.
- Repeat this exercise a few times until your cat can paw away the ball without any problem and get the treat underneath. Then increase the challenge by introducing the second ball. As you do not want to overstrain your cat, there should be a treat under each ball.

2 Task with sliding compartments:

The difficulty with this task is the following: your cat has to understand that she has to push the first cover back into the starting position so that she can open the second cover more easily. This point needs extensive training.

- Start by training with one row of compartments with three squares. Fill the two outer, lower indentations with treats in the presence of your cat and close these only halfway. This way she can find the treats faster and is successful more easily. Cover the other row e.g. with a cloth before you begin so that it does not distract your cat.
- Your cat will now try to paw out the treats. If she should have difficulties, you can provide some help to begin with. Show your cat how to move the covers. Encourage her especially during the first attempts and give some treats in between to show her that she is on the right track.
- Repeat this task until your cat has understood that she will get a reward when she pushes away the cover.
- Once your cat can open and move the covers of one row on her own, you can introduce the second row into the game.
- When your cat is now playing with both rows, you can include the covering balls. At the beginning, these are placed in the indentations above the rows. To stimulate your cat's interest, hide treats there as well.
- When your cat has learnt to include the balls in the game, you can raise the level of difficulty again. Place the balls between the covers and hide a treat under each as well. Your cat now has to learn that she has to move the balls before she can move the covers.

3 Task with the handle:

- Fill the compartments with treats in the presence of your cat and close them so that the handle is at the opposite end.
- In the beginning, show your cat how to move the handle. Give her special encouragement during the first attempts and feed treats in between to show her that she is on the right track.
- Repeat this exercise until your cat has understood that she will get a treat if she moves the handle along and thus opens the compartment.

4 Task with drawer:

- In the presence of your cat, fill the first drawer with a treat and close it only half. That way she can find the treat faster and is successful more easily. Your cat will try to paw out the treat. If she has difficulties, provide some help. Show her how to pull out the drawer with the help of the loop. Give encouragement especially during the first attempts and feed treats in between to show your cat that she is on the right track.
- Repeat this exercise until your cat has understood that she will get a reward when she opens the drawer.
- To raise the level of difficulty, close the drawer more and more. Once your cat can open the drawer without difficulty, close it completely.
- Repeat this exercise until your cat has understood that she will get a reward when she paws out the drawer.

5 Combining the elements:

Now that your cat has learnt to play with the individual elements and can do everything on her own, you can combine the various elements. Another way to raise the challenge is to hide treats only in some of the indentations.