

The Kissymow Vocabulary

Cat lover and CAT FANCY Consumer Marketing Manager Suzanne Stowe blogs about a secret language that only she, her family and her kitties understand.

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Zoey is Suzanne Stowe's very cute Meezer kissymow — to put it in terms of Stowe's personal kitty language. My parents had cats before they had me. All my life, I have shared a household with cats and could not imagine a life without them. Over the years, my family and I have developed words for common cat-related items. We don't know if the cats understand our language, but they do react appropriately to these words.

Many of the words were developed by adding "ies" to the end. Cat respond well to vowel sounds, particularly a long e. My cats all have names that end in that sound: Chloe, Zoey and Baby.

Here is the official Kissymow Vocabulary: Kissymow – cat Kiss Kiss – cat Kiki –cat Sing – cat, particularly Siamese Meezers – Siamese cats Chewsies – cat food or dinner Treaties – cat treats Toenies – claws Nailwells – claws Puddies – kneading or making biscuits Toofies – cat teeth

I don't think we are the only family that has developed a new vocabulary to talk to their beloved pets. If you have your own words, please share them in the comment section. In the meantime, pet your kissymow and allow them to make puddies in your lap.