

## Crazy Kitten Syndrome

**Are the symptoms of Crazy Kitten Syndrome (CKS) happening in your home? Read on to find out.**

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Lucky's feelings seem hurt when Wheezy refuses to play the role of public transportation. Wheezy must remember what it was like to go through CKS because he seldom stays angry for long. Instead, he simply struts away like a hibernating bear that just had his winter nap shortened by two months. Wheezy is displaying maturity, Dr. Mebalz said.

"Older cats will often demonstrate sympathy for the CKS kitten and not retaliate. We are not sure if this is because of maturity or simply the sedating effect of Wheezy eating 6,000 calories a day and sleeping in excess of 23 hours per day," he said.

Symptom No. 3: Annoying Adult Cats (Part B) Elvis, our 8-year-old cat, let Lucky know from the start he would not tolerate his ride-upons or having his tail used as a speed bag in a boxercise program. Taking on the role of mentor, Elvis taught Lucky two important lessons within the first half-hour of introductions:

1. Lucky, repeat after me, Elvis' tail is not a toy. 2. Always keep your left paw slightly higher to successfully block Elvis' powerful right hook.

Despite some minor negative feedback from annoyed older cats, Lucky and other CKS kittens seem to enjoy themselves most of the time.

This area has been the center of Dr. Mebalz's research in the past decade.

"We've hooked up brain electrodes to measure the quantity of pleasure waves in CKS kittens while they are actively annoying larger, older cats. All our data points to the same conclusion they love it! More than anything else," he said.

Symptom No. 4: CKS Wind Sprints Without cause, CKS kittens gleefully break into full-fledged wind sprints throughout the day. Several theories exist to explain this unusual phenomenon. But only one offers a long-range explanation.