

## A Point to Make

**The Snowshoe captivates with charm and good looks.**

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Modern pet product manufacturers have taken strides in the past few decades to make products safer, better looking and more efficient. One thing manufacturers of modern water dispensers didn't anticipate, however, is life with a Snowshoe.

"I had one Snowshoe that liked playing with water so much he'd stand on top of the bottle to knock it out of the container," says Mary Schlagel, an Illinois-based Snowshoe breeder since 1989. "He'd get two liters out of the container so that he could splash. I finally gave up on that thing — not him, but the bubbler."

Schlagel's mischievous cat embodies two of the Snowshoe's most charming traits: a fondness for play and a love of water. If the cat can combine the two, so much the better.

Snowshoes also enjoy things that fly in the air, according to Lynne Pilny of Georgia, who, along with her husband, Jim, has bred Snowshoes for about 15 years. "They also love little fuzzy balls because they can carry them in their mouths," she says. "They dunk all their toys, then they'll dig them out of the water bowl and come and put them on your lap."

Barbara Roth, a California-based Snowshoe breeder for 10 years, adds this caution: "You have to learn to keep the lid down on your toilets, or they will play in them and drown their toys."

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