



catnip too often is that your cat might get sick of it. When that happens, there will be one less treat in your arsenal of Things to Make the Cat Cooperate. That's why some experts recommend using it no more often than every other day. At its best, catnip can be a great tool for getting cats up and playing (try rubbing it on a favorite toy), or scratching in all the right places (try it on the scratching post, but never on the sofa)—and with no health risks at all.

Art About Pets

Sedona, Arizona-based painter Ron Burns has been grabbing the attention of art lovers and pet lovers alike for years with his big, brilliantly colored portraits of the animals he's met in shelters. This year, he received a fitting recognition.

For the first time in its history, The Humane Society of the United States has named an artist in residence—none other than the same Ron Burns who painted his first pet portrait 10 years ago after being touched by the plight of pets in a Colorado animal shelter. Since then, he's begun painting some of those same pets in the happy homes he hopes they've found.

"I've met thousands of dogs and cats in shelters across the country who would make wonderful companions," says Burns. "It's an honor to be able to support the shelters and the HSUS."

