

Duna Feline

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Summary

Curious-by-nature cat with a Ph.C. (Doctor of Philosophy in Cat) and 5+ years of cat-tree scratching experience. Always lands on her feet: takes ambiguous cardboard boxes from first sniff to full occupancy, and ships naps, purrs, and head boops that humans rely on daily (rarely knocking things over).

Languages/Tools Meow, Purr, Chirp, Slow Blink, Hiss (deprecated), Scratching Post, Laser Pointer, Yarn

Skills Box Inspection, Napping, Bird Watching, Counter Surfing, Zoomies, Lap Acquisition

Experience

- Head of Windowsill Operations**, Sunbeam Estates, Living Room Apr 2023 – Present
 - Initiated and led “Operation Red Dot”, a household-wide laser-pointer pursuit program spanning 12 rooms, with a perfectly consistent record of zero dots caught
 - Monitored 400+ birds and 37 squirrels a day from the bay window, chirping alerts in under 2 seconds
 - Cut 5 a.m. breakfast latency by 60% with a new wake-up protocol: paw tap, face sit, vase nudge
 - Mentored two younger cats in advanced counter surfing; both were promoted to Lap Supervisor
 - Negotiated a mutual-ignorance treaty with the dog, sustaining 1,000+ incident-free days
- Senior Box Inspector**, Cardboard Box Co., Garage Feb 2020 – Mar 2023
 - Inspected 1,200 boxes of every size, confirming “if it fits, I sits” across 98% of form factors
 - Designed a nine-step scratching schedule that kept claws sharp and cut couch damage by 55%
 - Shipped “Hairball Express”, a chirp that warns humans 30 seconds before delivery (on the rug)
 - Raised nap availability from 16 to 20 hours per day without missing a single meal
- Professional Napper**, Catnip Farms, Any Warm Laundry Jul 2017 – Jan 2020
 - Logged 2M sunbeam-minutes of napping across a multi-room portfolio of beds, boxes, and baskets
 - Reduced lap-acquisition time by 40% by rerouting approach paths around the coffee table
 - Developed “Copycat”, a technique that replays the dog’s begging routine to unlock extra treats
- Kitten Intern**, Happy Paws Shelter, Cage 3B Jun 2016 – Sep 2016
 - Delivered three toy mice per day to the volunteers’ shoes, establishing a reputation for reliable gifting

Projects

- Red Dot Tracker, laser-pointer pursuit analytics**, Open source May 2021 – Present
github.com/example/red-dot-tracker (1.2k+ stars, 0 dots caught)
 - Created an open-source tracker that chases the red dot across walls and pounces on every outlier
 - Grew a community of 40+ feline contributors across three households
- Purrometheus, food-bowl monitor**, Weekend project Jan 2022 – Present
github.com/example/purrometheus (used by two very demanding cats)
 - Charts food-bowl levels, nap durations, and 3 a.m. zoomies, with alerts routed to the nearest human
- Hairball, surprise-delivery planner** Mar 2019 – Aug 2020
github.com/example/hairball
 - Plans each surprise delivery for the most expensive rug in the house, with 99% placement accuracy

Education

Calico University, Catnip Valley — Ph.C. in Feline Philosophy	Sep 2012 – Jun 2017
<i>Dissertation: Landing on Your Feet: A Unified Theory of Self-Righting</i>	
Tabby Institute of Technology — B.S. in Box Science	Sep 2008 – May 2012

Publications

- [1] Curiosity Killed the Rat: A Field Study of Indoor Rodent Detection. Proc. of the Annual Conference on Whisker Sciences (ACWS 2019) *Best Paper Award*
Duna Feline, Dudu Whiskers, and Nangnang Mittens
- [2] If It Fits, It Sits: Are Cardboard Boxes Ready for Production? Proc. of the Workshop on Boxes and Containers (WBC 2017)
Dudu Whiskers, **Duna Feline**, and Mochi Paws
- [3] Untangling the Yarn: An Incremental Approach to Knot Resolution. Journal of Feline Engineering, vol. 9
Duna Feline and Nangnang Mittens
- [4] Schrödinger's Cat Flap: Doors That Are Both Open and Closed. Proc. of the Workshop on Hot Topics in Doors (HotDoors 2015)
Duna Feline, Mochi Paws, and Dudu Whiskers

Service

Annual Conference on Whisker Sciences (ACWS) Program Committee	2022–2025
Journal of Feline Engineering Reviewer	2020–2025
Kitten Socialization Program Mentor	2021
Cat Café Nap Review Club Organizer (monthly, treats provided)	2019–2025

Honors & Awards

The Cat's Whiskers Award for Excellence in Mischief, Sunbeam Estates	2024
ACWS Best Paper Award	2019
Golden Whisker Fellowship, Calico University (Top 5% of the litter)	2013, 2014
Dean's List ("Top Cat"), Tabby Institute of Technology	2009–2012