

GENTLING

HOW TO PET A SCARED CAT



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SO WHAT IS GENTLING?

**VERB: THE ACT OF SOFTLY SPEAKING TO AND GENTLY
PETTING A CAT AROUND THEIR HEAD AND NECK IN A
CALMING MANNER**

**IT IS NOT WISE TO PET AN UNFAMILIAR CAT ALONG
THEIR BACK, BELLY, OR BOOTY. IT'S BASIC MANNERS**



TIPS FOR GENTLING:

- **USE A VARIETY OF PETTING STYLES**
 - **REPETITIVE MOTIONS CAN BE ANNOYING AND OVERSTIMULATING**
- **DON'T GET IN THEIR FACE**
- **INCORPORATE TREATS AND TOYS AS THEY WARM UP TO YOU**
- **NEVER FORCEFULLY PET A CAT UNLESS USING THE BUNDLE & BOND TECHNIQUE**



**THIS STYLE OF PETTING IS BEST FOR
SOCIALIZING SCARED CATS OR CATS
YOU'RE UNFAMILIAR WITH**

**USE THIS TECHNIQUE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE "BUNDLE & BOND"
TECHNIQUE FOR THE BEST RESULTS**