

# PETS & PEOPLE

## Photogenic Felines Wanted For Cat Calendar

(NAPSA)—If you're like most pet families, your next family portrait may be the cat's meow. According to a recent survey, most cat owners consider their cat to be a family member, so why shouldn't your favorite four-legged feline be included in this year's family album?

To capture your cat's beauty on camera try using the following ten expert tips, courtesy of Friskies Petcare Company.

1. Get up close and "purr"-sonal with your cat to ensure he is the focus of your picture.

2. Place your pet off-center for a more natural look.

3. Use a simple, uncluttered background to help your cat stand out.

4. Try to create dramatic shadows for an interesting and artistic effect.

5. Have a friend hold your cat's favorite flavor of Friskies® cat food or a toy above the camera lens to attract his attention.

6. Snap several pictures in a row to avoid missing the ideal picture by a few seconds.

7. Make photography a "paw"-sitive experience for your cat by taking his picture at mealtime so he associates picture-taking with food.

8. Candid shots are best to capture moments of your cat doing what he knows best: being a cat!

9. Keep photo sessions short and positive so that your cat enjoys them as much as you do.

10. Keep your camera with you so you never miss a great photo opportunity.



**PICTURE "PURR"-FECT—This candid shot shows what cats do best: being a cat!**

If you have a "purr"-fect photo of your cat, Friskies wants to know. Each year, the company honors twelve of the best photos taken by cat owners across the country and showcases them in a colorful calendar. Has your photogenic feline got the beautiful skin, healthy coat and frisky nature to be a calendar pin-up?

Use these helpful tips and then send in a snapshot of your cat along with a 25-word description of why your cat is a winner for a chance to win the grand prize of \$2,500, a year's supply of canned and dry cat food, and the coveted cover placement for the 2003 Friskies Calendar. Eleven first-prize winners will see their cat's photo gracing a page of the calendar, in addition to winning a year's supply of canned and dry cat food. For complete contest rules and an entry form or to purchase a 2002 calendar, log onto [www.FriskiesCatFood.com](http://www.FriskiesCatFood.com).