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I've spent the better (*and I do mean: **Better***) part of my life living with cats and it wasn't until I was asked to write about their true nature when I realized why I love them so much.

If you think about it, cats should be terrifying companions. They've got razor sharp claws and piercing teeth. They can see in conditions that leave us in the dark and their sense of smell and hearing is far more acute than our own. We could never hide from them if they were hunting us (*or if we were in the bathroom with the door closed*). But it's how they're so willing to show us who they really are, and in the same moment treat us like part of their family, never giving us reason to fear them, that I love most. In fact, most of us sleep with these formerly wild beasts without a second thought.



©2012 Robin AF Olson. Fred, followed by brother Barney, two of [our](#) ^[1] former foster kitties showing off their flying skills.

Instead of looking at your sweetly slumbering cat, marvel at how their body can flex into amazing positions as they rest, ones that give them the advantage over their prey once they awaken. Take delight when you see your cat jump off the floor, covering many more times over their own body-length, to reach a high perch. And as they show off their hunting skills, see if you notice how they grab their favorite toy with their paws, then quickly shove it into their open mouth, giving it a death-bite. Sound terrible? Not at all. It's amazing!



©2012 Robin AF Olson. Fred. Our best flyer, really knew how to capture toys in the blink of an eye.

Let's celebrate how fortunate we are to witness these magical creatures, up close, not on a safari or not as photos in a book. They're right here in our living room, each one a marvel of **catness**.

In honor of our fabulous felines, Purina wants you to join their Pro Plan® community here at [Cats True Nature](#) ^[2] where you can check out Darren Dyk, of Beyond Slow Motion, who got some amazing footage that highlights awesome cats in slow motion. You can also find tips for capturing photos and videos of your cat (*which is always handy in my book*).

Once you've got your Cats True Nature photos or video to share head over to the Pro Plan Cat

Twitter [3] and **Instagram** [4] pages where you can tag your images with #CatsTrueNature. Make sure your images celebrate cats in four different scenarios - *leaping*, *sprinting*, *stalking* and *performing one other "wildcard"* pose like chasing or catching - for a chance to be featured in the Pro Plan community.



©2013 Robin AF Olson. Coco, another former foster kitten loved hunting feather toys.

AND DON'T MISS THE EXTRA AWESOMENESS-A SPECIAL PRIZE PACK!

If you pop over to our [Facebook page](#) [5] (don't forget to LIKE our page) where you can enter the same photos or videos for a chance to **Win a Special Prize Pack** featuring a **GoPro Camera** and more! Deadline for entries is June 11 at 12:12 PM EST so don't delay! A winner will be chosen by me, so make it good!

And don't forget to celebrate your #CatsTrueNature.

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Those are stellar photos, Robin! Absolutely awesome in the TRUE sense of the word. And I agree 100% with your comments about cats, with whom I've shared my entire life, literally from conception on, with very few catless moments (and those were not the happiest, of course!). Thanks for sharing with us.

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