



# *Lightfoot Ragdolls*

*and Cherubims*

## CAT TREES AND TOYS

Most cats like to be UP! They may get on your counters, your shelves, wall shelves, cabinets, etc. I've had a cat on the top of an open door. Cat trees are fantastic for cats because you can get all kinds of them depending on your living situation. If you have really high ceilings, you could find a pretty tall tree. Most "tall" cat trees are between 72" and 86". If you have 8' ceilings, that's 96", so you still need room for them to be on the top of the tree. Most 72" tall trees are good for the common 8' ceiling.

Depending on your cat, they may like the ones that have places to hide in, other cats like the open lounging. No matter what kind you get, you most likely have vertical spaces. You will find some of the posts are all sisal rope wrapped. Those will hold up better. Some you will find fabric/fur covered posts. Those might last a month or two, if your cat likes to scratch. You can find sisal rope and re-wrap posts that your cats shred.

When you first get your kitten, you may not want a 72" tall tree, but it won't be very long until they are using that like a pro.

Some cat trees come with hanging balls or toys. My kittens chewed through the string holding a ball in 3 days. The one my adult cats use, have been using it for 6 months and it's still attached. Some trees are covered in carpet. Nails can snag on carpet more easily and have the potential to cause injury. The furry ones or wood ones that don't have any carpet are great.

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Cat trees need to be cleaned! If they just have wood, it's pretty easy to wipe down with a safe cleaner (vinegar and water or Thieves cleaner or Hypochlorus). If you have a furry cat tree, there are a couple really great hair removers that do the trick. Those are shown below.



This can snag fabric, so be careful

Provide a lot of toys for your cat. A bored cat often gets in trouble. Plastic springs, mice, balls, pompoms, kickers, round ball chasers, wands (only use when you are with your cat), laser pens (again, safety issues), and sometimes treat puzzles are great. It's always like Christmas when you clean out under the couch! Watch for toys, just like with a baby, where there may be small parts that come off and could be choke hazards. Watch wand toys. Sometimes a claw can get caught in where it attaches to the string and can cause injury. Some really like the fabric tunnels. We found a huge spring toy our cats like.



Cat toys with random colors

