

Make a Cat Flick Stick Toy

Cats want to hunt. It's something their bodies just do naturally. We call it their "prey drive". Unfortunately, one of the animals our cats are hunting are our native pekapeka.

Make your pet cat more conservation-friendly by playing with them with cat toys every day, for at least 5–10 minutes.

Here's how to make a flick stick toy:



Cut a long piece of string and tie it onto your stick.

We've reused an old cardboard tube, but anything stick-like will do.

What else helps bats best?

- Keeping your cat indoors or in a place outdoors where they can't roam.
- Cats having high-protein diets and full tummies.

In 2010, one feral cat was responsible for killing 100 short-tailed bats over seven days at Mt. Ruapehu.

Attach something tempting to the end of the string for your cat to bat, claw, bite, and chase!

We went with an old sock, but you could use all sorts of things – for instance, feathers, pompoms, tassels, or small soft toys.

USE YOUR
hands

