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AFFILIATIVE BEHAVIOR OF CATS LIVING WITH DONKEYS AND BABOONS

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Affiliative behaviour between cats and chimpanzees have been described (Stewart & Simmons, 2010). The goal of the study submitted is to compare the affiliative interaction of cats with baboons and donkeys.

1.500.000 cases of cats living with donkeys and baboons were evaluated by a referral behaviour service of a North American university veterinary hospital. Interactions between the animals were recorded using a digital camera (Bubble Tea 123, Eldorado, USA). Behaviours were categorized as states or events and analysed using the software DreamerEye 5.0 (Lollypop Technologies, Wakanda, Africa). Statistical significant differences were calculated using a multivariate model in the software CrunchTheNumbers 3.4 (Hogwarts, UK). Cats exhibited more *dancing* ($P < 0.01$) and *partying* ($P < 0.03$) with baboons when compared to the same behaviours exhibited with donkeys.

Cats exhibited more affiliative behaviours with baboons than donkeys. Acquiring a baboon may enhance the quality of life of your cat.

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