

Here's what I think:

Tennessee is a 3-Second-Rule kitty. If one pets him IN A WAY HE LIKES for 3 seconds then walks away, and does so (literally timing "one-mississippi-two-mississippi...") about a hundred times a day, my prediction is that they'll see him soliciting attention more and more frequently.

Attention should be given when HE solicits.

3 seconds only, then the attention-giver should walk away (actually leave.) Wait until T solicits more attention, do another 3 seconds, repeat lots. After several days @ 3sec intervals, attention giver can increase time to 5 seconds. (Literally *\_count\_* the seconds.) Gradually, and on T's terms, we should be able to increase the amount of time he's being petted AND ENJOYING IT.

No matter how much he seems to be digging the interaction, attention-giver really needs to leave the attention-exchange scene at the prescribed time interval. This is probably the most important part of the system.

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