



# CAT ASS TROPHY

**Objective:** Be the biggest baddest cat and win the Cat Ass Trophy. How?!? By scoring the fewest points. Build sets of numbers and/or colors to score fewer points. If you build a SET OF 5, no points are scored for those cards. But if you can build THE PURRFECT HAND, no points are scored at all.

**Set Up:** Shuffle the cards and deal nine to each player. Players keep their hands secret.

FOR A 3-5 PLAYER GAME: Place five cards face-up in the middle of the playing area to form a pool.

FOR A 2 PLAYER GAME: Place nine cards face-up in the middle of the playing area to form a pool.

Set aside the rest of the cards, they will not be used in this round.

**Starting the Game:** The player to the left of the dealer starts the round and play moves in a clockwise direction.

On a turn, a player may SWAP or KNOCK:

**SWAP:** Replace one of the cards in the pool with a card from your hand.

**KNOCK:** If you do not want to SWAP you can KNOCK - that is tap the table to pass.

After the first KNOCK, play continues as normal. But on the second KNOCK (by either the original knocker or another player), players have one more turn (except the second knocker) and the round is over and scoring commences. *Note: players can still knock rather than swap on their last turn.*

THE PURRFECT HAND: If a player manages to build THE PURRFECT HAND they must declare "I am the biggest baddest cat" and show their cards. This ends the round immediately and scoring commences with no further turns taken.

THE PURRFECT HAND or a SET OF 5 are nice to have - but it is very possible to create a low-scoring hand without complete sets of five. If you have a strong hand - knocking early prevents your opponents from purrfecting their hands.

**Scoring:** A player with a SET OF 5, be it matched by number or color, scores 0 for that set. Each number for which you did not complete a SET OF 5, counts against you (but only once for each number).

= 1      = 2      = 5      = 7

TOTAL FOR THIS HAND = 15

= 1      = 4      = 8      SET OF 5, SAME COLOR = 0

TOTAL FOR THIS HAND = 13

**THE PURRFECT HAND:** a player with two complete sets (5 of one color, 5 of one number, with one card in both sets) scores 0.

SET OF 5, SAME COLOR = 0      SET OF 5, SAME NUMBER = 0

TOTAL FOR THIS HAND = 0

**The Next Round:** After points are awarded, all cards are reshuffled and a new round begins. Play as many rounds as there are players, with each player starting once. The player at the end with the lowest score is the biggest baddest cat and wins the Cat Ass Trophy.



**Please Note:** we suffered our own catastrophe when a Cat Ass Trophy contestant destroyed the green 1 card. You won't find it in the game, since retrieving it involves a scoop and a locale that rhymes with 'bitter socks'..