

Measuring Cat Vigilance Behavior at Home

To start, please do the following:

1. If your cat already has a twice-a-day eating time, plan to record your cat eating in the morning and again in the evening for a period of seven days. If your cat has free access to food, please put them on a twice-a-day feeding schedule for a week.
2. To record your cat eating, use your phone. Collect a total of 14 videos—7 videos during the day and 7 videos during the night. The actual length of each video will vary depending on how fast your cat finishes their food. Follow the rule of thumb to record for 5 minutes.
3. Try to reduce any background noise as much as possible and leave the room during your cat's eating time. This will limit them becoming startled and look up because of the noise or because of your presence.
4. To record your cat, mount your phone using a tripod or any other method (see below for examples).
5. If you own multiple cats and they eat together, record them at the same time. If they eat in different places, use another camera or record the other cat another week.
6. Ideally, we want the camera to be in landscape mode, facing the cat. If this is not possible, ---place your phone on the right/left side of the cat, but avoid filming from above or behind.
7. Upload the video(s) to: toxoproject.com/upload/

Recording Examples



Good.

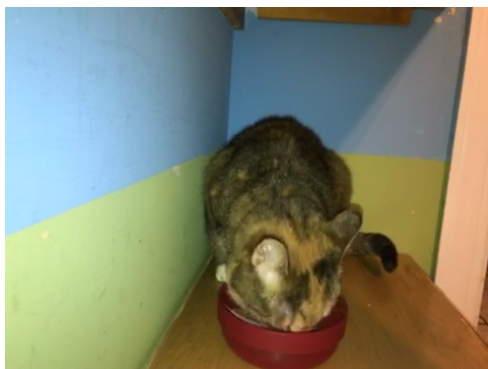


The entire head is visible when the cat moves its head up



The entire head of both cats is clearly visible

Good.



Good.



The entire head is visible



Avoid!



Video is taken from behind and the head of the cat is not clearly visible

Examples of DIY Methods to Mount Your Phone

(These are few examples; you can use any other method if it works!)



Use an item heavier than the phone and set your phone behind it. Record in landscape.
(Best)



Use this method only when you don't have any other option, because we prefer that you record in landscape.



Stick a piece tape to the floor and set your phone behind it.