

PHOTO TIPS

Tips for shooting better photos of your pet

EFFECTIVE FRAMING

Get in closer **1** **2** This will reduce distracting background elements, your pet will be in better focus, and less cropping will be required allowing you to achieve a larger print size. Use your camera's zoom or move closer to your subject. Make sure you frame carefully - when you want a full body shot, don't ruin the picture by cutting off a paw or an ear!

Think about getting even closer **3** It will create a more intimate shot and the background will be less in focus, making your pet stand out in the shot.

THINK ABOUT THE BACKGROUND

Is the setting an essential part of the shot? **4** If not, try to **minimize the background**. When you can, choose a setting with a simple, uncluttered background. Use proper framing to reduce the amount of background in the shot.

FOCUS ON FOCUS

For the best results, focus on the eyes **5** You can have the cutest pose and perfect framing, but if that beautiful furry face isn't in focus, you don't have a shot.

GETTING THE SHOT

Your cat or dog may not be the most cooperative when it comes to posing. To increase your chances of catching that magic shot, you can do two things - 1) when you shoot, shoot LOTS of pictures, then pick the best one, and 2) always have your camera ready so you are prepared when Fido strikes that perfect pose.

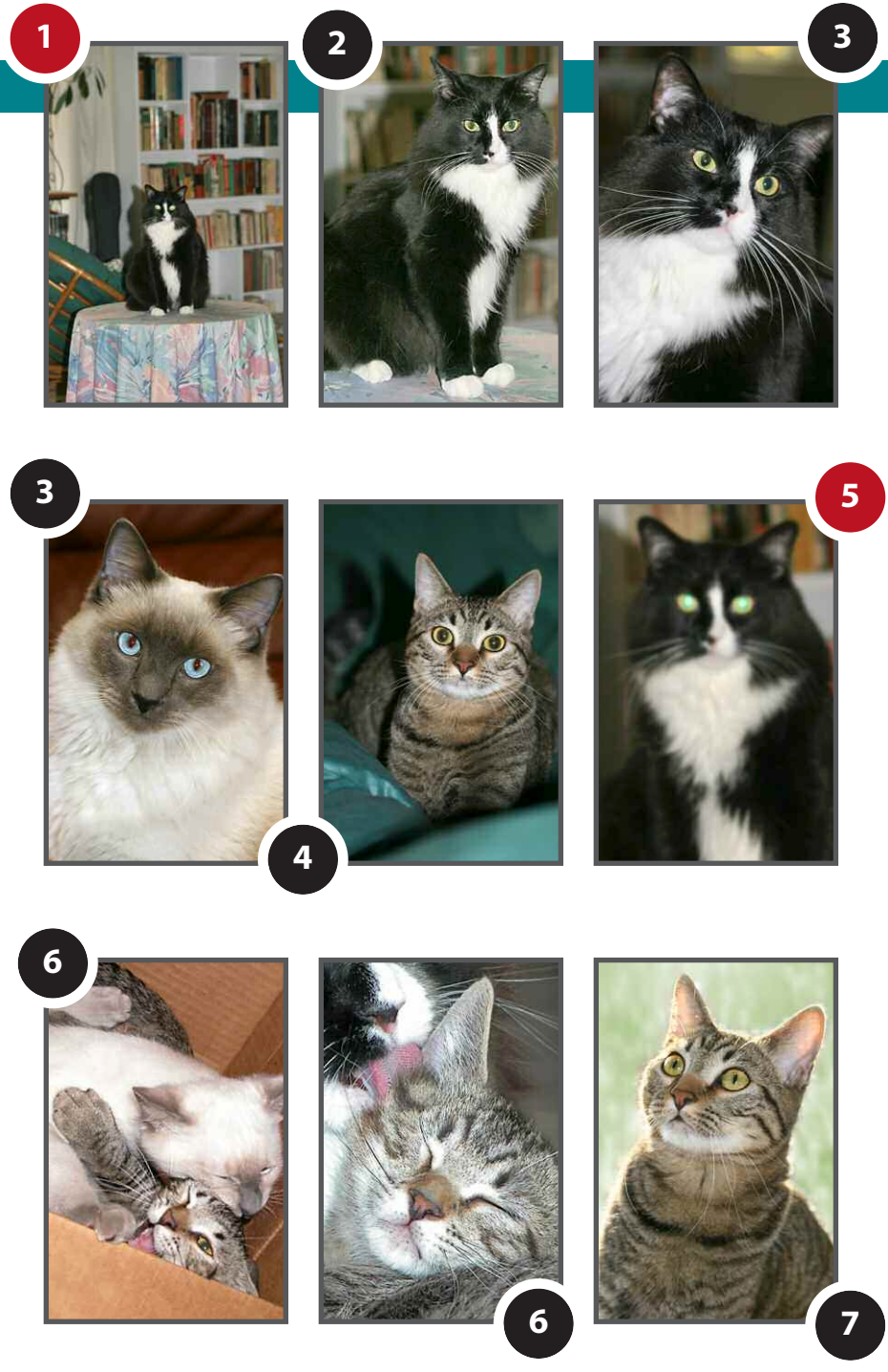
Other things to try, which may improve your shots...

Change your perspective Get on the same level as your pet.

Try an "unposed" pose **6** Shoot your pet playing, sleeping, looking out the window.

Use natural lighting when you can **7** Flash casts harsh shadows.

Note: although all the demo shots are of cats, the same photo tips apply when shooting any pet.



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