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Pawsitive Reinforcement: Training Your Cat with Effective Techniques

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Clicker training works by associating the sound of a clicker with a reward, such as a treat, to mark desired behaviors. It's effective for training cats because it provides clear communication and allows for precise timing of reinforcement.
2. Besides treats, other forms of positive reinforcement that can be used in cat training include praise, petting, and playtime with a favorite toy.
3. One visual cue that can be used in training cats is a hand signal for "sit." It works by showing the cat a raised hand above their head, which they learn to associate with the behavior of sitting down.
4. Signs that indicate a cat is becoming frustrated during training include avoiding eye contact, flattening their ears, or walking away from the training session. In response, you should give the cat a break and try again later, ensuring that the training environment is calm and free from distractions.

