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I LIKE CATS THAT CATCH THINGS

i never discourage a cat's natural instinct
to catch things.

i love it when a cat catches a rat. who wouldn't?
our cats probably spare us many plagues. we
have three cats in our house and it is not a
popular getaway-weekend for rats.

i don't even mind it when a cat catches a bird.
there seem to be many species of birds that are
not endangered. generally a cat will bite right
through the top of a bird's skull and puncture its
brain. it ain't pretty, but it's effective. and,
after all, since birds can fly and cats can't,
it's quite an accomplishment for a cat to catch
a bird, even though many birds, pigeons in
particular, can be mighty stupid. i would
never discourage a cat from catching even the
most beautiful of birds (excluding the kids'
parakeet). birds are a cat's proudest trophies,
like santiago's big fish was his.

i just wish they wouldn't insist on bringing
all the bloody, furry, feathery fuckers into
the house for our dinner guests to admire.