

# [***Cat Jealous of Feline Trying to Steal 'Boyfriend' Has Internet in Stitches***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BGG-YJ11-DY68-14VT-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** "I love how she just wedges between them," one commenter wrote in response to the video with over 4.8 million views.

**Body**

The hilarious moment a cat showed her jealousy when her "boyfriend" started giving affection to another feline has gone viral.

[*The video*](https://www.tiktok.com/@_moonneverback/video/7312138225869540651) has over 4.8 million views on [*TikTok*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/tiktok?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and sparked conversation with viewers. Posted in December by @\_moonneverback, the clip shows a black-and-white feline lavishing attention on a ginger cat, tenderly licking its face. However, before long, a calico cat comes in with an unmistakably upset reaction, walking between the two others. The text overlay reads: "Calico is jealous her boyfriends started kissing."

Cats licking each other is common behavior in the feline world, serving various purposes such as communication, bonding, and establishing hierarchy. While cats don't have romantic relationships in the human sense, they can form strong attachments to other felines around them.

Research finds that [*cats do get jealous*](https://www.newsweek.com/cats-violent-reaction-lookalike-toy-1808100?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). [*A study conducted by Butcher et al. in 2020*](https://journals.uco.es/index.php/pet/article/view/12176) observed 52 felines in Japan. Researchers visited the pet's home with a cat-shaped plush to represent a "social rival" and a non-feline-shaped furry pillow to represent a non-social object. Owners were instructed to pet and talk to the cat plush for 15 seconds where the animal could see, and then do the same with the pillow.

After each session, the cat's reactions were observed and recorded, and results saw that felines focused more on the objects than on their owners. However, the pets were more likely to focus on the stuffed cat than the furry pillow after their owner stroked it, showing that they [*may feel some form of jealousy*](https://www.newsweek.com/feline-face-jealous-owner-petting-brother-cat-1832272?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) toward the object.

In more than 5,300 comments, people shared their reactions to the cat ***politics*** in the viral clip.

Toby dubbed the felines "Polyamorous cats." Polyamory, or consensual nonmonogamy, refers to having multiple intimate relationships with the knowledge of everyone involved.

"I love how she just wedges between them," TikTok user Katherine wrote.

Maeve posted that it was like a "meowange a trois," a play on the phrase loaned from the French *ménage à trois*, directly translating to "household of three" and referring to a relationship consisting of three people.

Others thought that the dynamic might be slightly different. One commenter wrote: "It is the mom the dad and the baby."

*Newsweek* reached out to @\_moonneverback via TikTok for comment.

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[*Link to Image*](https://d.newsweek.com/en/full/2357423/three-cats-together.jpg)

**Graphic**

Three cats together

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A file photo of three cats where one is grooming the other. The internet is in stitches over a cat's jealously when two others were sharing a sweet moment.

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