Subject: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Scoot on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 14:00:21 GMT
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My kittens keep nibbling through my speaker wires. They don't go for the bigger power cords, but they seem to love those thin, dangling wires to my speakers. Even when I strap them, they play with the strapped bundles. Any thoughts?

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Lancelot on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 14:32:00 GMT
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Give them an alternative wire to play with and make sure that the wires for your speakers are not reachable by the kittens. I wonder why your kittens play with your speaker wires.

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 15:29:29 GMT
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My first thought is I'm glad the kitten hasn't gotten through the power cords. My second thought is you'll probably need to get sleeves or bigger speaker wires with thicker insulation.

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Adveser on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 20:10:26 GMT
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I have a couple kittens. Thicker wire, maybe 16 gauge, is enough to keep them from getting to it. They just can't chew through it at that thickness. My cats love the very tiny wiring on my headphones They haven't damaged them yet, but it's a pain in the ass. Forcing a cat to walk on Aluminum foil to get to an area will dissuade them from going there. That is probably too much of an eyesore though.

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Scots Rich on Sun, 21 Nov 2010 10:47:41 GMT
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Ha ha ha ! - I love the idea of forcing a cat to walk on aluminium foil ! But, to the original question I would say provide your kittens with some other stimulation (one of those kitten gyms for example) and rub it liberally with cat nip to attract them.

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by steve f on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 16:26:16 GMT
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Wraps tend to work. Be careful to also hide or wrap power cords too just in case the kittens change tactics.

I once put hot sauce on cords to dissuade a big orange orange tabby I owned. Trouble was, he liked it.

Steve

Subject: Re: Kittens eating wires
Posted by Corded on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 23:08:24 GMT
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I'm not sure if this works on kittens as well as puppies, but I trained my pup not to chew on wires by rubbing a product called "Bitter Apple" on the wires. It's sold in pet stores.