**TIGER ELECTRONICS**

**Ages 4 and up**

**Meow-Chi, the Interactive Cat**

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

Congratulations! With your new Meow-Chi™, you now have a special new friend. Meow-Chi is the interactive cat that loves to play, sing and dance! Advanced biorhythmic technology enables Meow-Chi to have many different moods and feelings, watch his eyes and his motions to see how he is feeling. His biorhythms also enable him to grow and change from a kitten into a mature cat. Because Meow-Chi’s behavior pattern does start as a kitten, it is very important to play with him often while he is still “developing.” This will help make Meow-Chi a happier cat as he grows up!

**CHECKLIST**

The following items are included in this package:

1. Meow-Chi, the Interactive Cat
2. Mouse Play Toy
3. Instruction Guide

**BATTERY INSTALLATION**

**IMPORTANT:** Battery installation should be done by an adult. Always install the batteries correctly according to the positive (+) and negative (-) signs on the battery compartment:

1. Unscrew and remove the battery compartment door on Meow-Chi’s base.
2. Insert 3 "AAA" batteries as shown inside the battery compartment.
3. Attach the battery compartment door and fasten the screw.
4. Press the RESET button located on the back of Meow-Chi’s head. (see RESET section for more details).

**NOTICE:** Do not dispose of batteries in fire, batteries may explode or leak.

**HELPFUL TIP:** Meow-Chi is a mechanical, robotic toy. The mechanical sound you hear when Meow-Chi moves is normal.

To ensure proper function:

- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard or rechargeable batteries.
- Do not mix batteries that are not recharged.
- Non-rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged (if removable).
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision (if removable).
- Only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended are to be used.
- Batteries are to be inserted with the correct polarity.
- Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the toy.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
- Replace batteries at the first sign of erratic operation.

**CAUTION:**

- As with all small batteries, the batteries used with this toy should be kept away from small children who still put things in their mouths. If they are swallowed, promptly see a doctor and have the doctor phone (202) 625-3333 collect.
- Make sure the batteries are inserted correctly and follow the toy and battery manufacturer’s instructions.

**SET UP**

For best results, play with Meow-Chi on a smooth, flat surface. Make certain the area is clear of obstacles so Meow-Chi can turn and dance freely. Meow-Chi should be played with indoors.

**MEOW-CHI’S SENSORS**

Just like a real cat, Meow-Chi is very unpredictable. Activate one of his sensors to see what he will do! Meow-Chi has five sensors: a light sensor, sound sensor, and a touch sensor. He also has a magnetic sensor that allows him to play with his mouse play toy, which will be described in the Mouse Play Toy section, and an infrared sensor that enables Meow-Chi to play with other Robo-Chi™ Pets. This function is described in the Communicating with Other Meow-Chi’s and Robo-Chi Pets section of this guide.

To activate the Light sensor:
- Wait until Meow-Chi stops moving.
- Slowly pass your hand in front of Meow-Chi’s forehead (3 holes above eyepiece).
- When you move your hand away, Meow-Chi will respond.

To activate the Sound sensor:
- Wait until Meow-Chi stops moving.
- Clap your hands or make a loud noise, Meow-Chi will respond.

To activate the Touch sensor:
- Wait until Meow-Chi stops moving.
- Simply press either sensor on the side of Meow-Chi’s head below his ears. If you press the sensor once, Meow-Chi will respond, press the sensor twice and see what Meow-Chi will do. You can press the sensor up to 3 times and Meow-Chi will respond in many different ways!

Many of Meow-Chi’s responses are affected by Meow-Chi’s biorhythmic level, the more you play with him, the happier he will be.

**MEOW-CHI’S EYES**

Meow-Chi’s eyes are very expressive; they will help you to know whether Meow-Chi is happy, sad, sleepy or hungry.

Watch Meow-Chi’s eyes, can you tell what he is feeling?

Happy Meow-Chi
Sad Meow-Chi
Mele Meow-Chi
Female Meow-Chi

**MEOW-CHI’S BIORHYTHM**

Graphs shown below represent the 8 biorhythmic levels of Meow-Chi. Each level lasts about 30 minutes and determines Meow-Chi’s mood and behaviors. For example, when Meow-Chi is in level 1 he will be unhappy almost all the time and will have sad eyes. In level 8 Meow-Chi will be happy almost all the time and may even sing you special songs!

Remember: If Meow-Chi is sad, it’s easy to make him happy again by playing with him. Don’t forget Meow-Chi has 5 different sensors that need attention! (Refer to Meow-Chi’s Sensors section).

**Level 1:** Meow-Chi is very unhappy and needs much care and affection.

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**Level 2:** Meow-Chi is still sad, maybe playing with his Mouse Play Toy will help!

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**Level 3:** Remember to watch Meow-Chi’s eyes, they tell you how he feels.

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**Level 4:** Getting happier, Meow-Chi likes it when you dance with him!

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**Level 5:** Meow-Chi hears when you clap or say “Good Cat”

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**Level 6 (Home position):** Meow-Chi starts at this level when reset.

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**Level 7:** Meow-Chi is very happy, he might even sing you a special song!

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**Level 8:** Congratulations, you are a Master Meow-Chi owner!

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MOUSE PLAY TOY

Meow-Chi loves to be cared for, and loves to play with his Mouse Play Toy. Meow-Chi plays with his mouse toy when you wave toy in front of his mouth. He will respond with happy eyes and playful sounds.

- Mouse Play Toy does not require batteries.
- Do not attempt to open mouse toy.
- Avoid placing the mouse toy close to any magnetic-sensitive objects like cassette tapes, credit cards, videotapes, etc.

Warning: Mouse play toy is a toy, not intended for use by a live cat.

LISTEN TO A SONG

To listen to one of Meow-Chi’s favorite songs, please follow the sequence below:

1. Wait until Meow-Chi stops moving.
2. Hold your hand completely over
   Meow-Chi’s eyes.
3. While still holding your hand over
   Meow-Chi’s eyes, press either Touch sensor 5 times quickly
   (press the sensor 5 times within 2 seconds).
4. Wait until you hear 3 beeps, then
   press the touch sensor 8 times.
5. After each song is completed, Meow-Chi
   will return to his normal mode. To hear
   another song, repeat steps 1-4.

SLEEPING

Because Meow-Chi starts as a kitten, he needs his sleep. Meow-Chi will fall asleep when it is dark or when no one is playing with him. When he gets tired, Meow-Chi might make noise to get your attention, even turn back and forth and make angry eyes. After about 8 minutes, if he does not get anyone to
play with him, Meow-Chi will then fall into a deep sleep.

To wake up Meow-Chi when he is in a deep sleep, press either Touch sensor. If Meow-Chi was sad when he fell asleep, it might take slightly longer for him to completely wake up, so you might need to touch his head sensor more than once. If Meow-Chi was happy when he fell asleep, he should wake up quickly.

COMMUNICATING WITH OTHER MEOW-CHI’S AND ROBO-CHI™ PETs

Meow-Chi loves to communicate with other Meow-Chi’s and other Robo-Chi Pets! To begin communication, please follow the sequence below:

1. Place the two Robo-Chi Pets facing each other approximately 6” - 12” apart.
2. Wait for both to stop moving.
3. Press the touch sensor ONCE on BOTH PETs at the SAME TIME.
4. Each should start speaking, if they are happy at the same time, they will sing a song together. If they are unhappy with each other, they might speak unhappily with each other and could even refuse to sing!
5. Meow-Chi and other Robo-Chi Pets will automatically return to normal play mode after communicating for approximately 3 minutes.
6. Please note that Meow-Chi will only communicate with other Robo-Chi Pets with the “Robo-Chi Pets - the interactive family” logo on the package or instruction guide (and all Poo-Chi's with or without this logo).

MEOW-CHI’S EARS

Meow-Chi’s ears are designed to be easily re-attached if they become detached. To reassemble, simply align both notches on the ear and hinge.

RESET

Press RESET button only if Meow-Chi’s movements seem erratic or if he seems to be malfunctioning.

To RESET Meow-Chi, use a ball point pen or a thin straight object to press RESET button located in the lower middle section on the back of Chih’s head.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

High temperature will destroy the unit.
Do not leave unit in direct sunlight.
Clean only with a piece of soft dry cloth.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Meow-Chi is designed to provide hours of fun play. If Meow-Chi becomes erratic and you are having trouble, check to make certain that Meow-Chi has fresh batteries and then call Tiger Electronics Customer Service Department at 1-800-944-3733.

If you can’t see Meow-Chi’s eyes, he may be asleep (see section titled “SLEEPING”) or check to make certain there are fresh batteries.

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