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Dear Holly,

Thanks for your card and note. I hope things are going well.

I don't know how to advise you on documenting killing behavior in the kitten. Two things have to be considered. First it thinks it is a lion, having learned this from its mother. Therefore it will react to your presence in — this will affect anything it does, including the presence of something to kill. Any recording of behavior would have to be done remotely (hidden video camera, etc.). Second, if recording can't be done remotely then over time the kitten will become acclimated - accustomed - to your presence, which is a negative influence if the objective is to release it next spring.

Will talk more when I come in. A really solid experiment could be designed using the facility there at the Ranch. Personally I've always felt that imprinted kittens (or humans) would be

best. They pay absolutely no attention to ~~your~~ the
presence of people and ~~concentrate~~ ^{react} on innate
impulses. It would be a fun experiment —

Happy New year. And thanks to Jim for
his help in Howard's absence.

cheers
Maurice