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3. The guide pushed a control panel **button**, and the robotic cat rolled the **ball** back.
4. My cat, Jinks, is not a robot, but he can shake my **hand**.
5. Sometimes, Jinks and I play a guessing **game**.
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